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The British government has secretly started buying key metals and minerals to create a strategic stockpile, the *Financial Times* says. — Page 10

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Julius Erving was at his sparkling best for East in the All-Star Basketball game against West. He paced the East to their 22nd victory over West in a pulsating action. The West have won only 11 times in the series. — Page 13

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U.S. President Ronald Reagan has no plans to make a fresh offer to the Soviet Union on medium-range nuclear missiles, the White House announces. — Page 16

Sultan spurns U.S. offer to station troops

Prince Sultan

RIYADH, Feb. 14 (AP) — Saudi Arabian Defense Minister Prince Sultan has rejected an offer made by the United States to station U.S. troops on the Kingdom's eastern Gulf coast, according to the monthly magazine *Al Khaleej Wal Naaf* (economy and oil).

The magazine said the offer was made by U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger during his talks with Sultan last February at Dhahra, the center of Saudi Arabia's oil-producing Eastern Province.

Weinberger was cited as proposing that movements of the U.S. force be under Saudi Arabian command and that it engage in training local forces and holding joint exercises.

"Prince Sultan listened with his customary patience to Weinberger detail various aspects over one hour," the magazine said. "He then replied: 'We reject all this, because our relationship with you is one of equality and respect, not of presences and alliances.'

Weinberger was said to have replied in surprise: "But all this is for your own benefit, your hollowness, to protect the security of your oil fields and installations against the threat of an aggression."

Sultan reportedly said this could be accomplished by "supplying us with weapons we require, and we are sure we can absorb these without the need for America or any other military presence on our land."

Cinema fire kills 64 in Italy

Virginia Rognoni.

Police Chief Pietro Sasso said most of the victims were in their twenties. They nearly all choked to death as black smoke billowed through the 1,070-seat cinema.

As officials searched the Statuto Cinema for indications of how the fire started three bouquets of roses and mimosa lay on the charred stall seats with the inscription: "To mama and my two brothers, your loving Romano."

The flowers were the one point of color in the blackened interior of the cinema, which was showing a comedy film on the last Sunday of carnival at the time of the disaster. Sasso said the most likely cause of the blaze appeared to be a short circuit but the possibility that somebody had thrown a firework was not ruled out.

Eye-witnesses said most of the dead were on the upper floor of the cinema which was quickly engulfed in smoke. "There was smoke everywhere, nobody could breathe," said Assunta Lo Presti.

Maj. Haddad told a press conference he was establishing the garrison because he wanted to help the Lebanese government spread its authority over the whole of Lebanon and avoid the country's partition.

The move into Sidon, the largest town in South Lebanon, came after riots that Israel is ready to make its own security arrangements to the south if it cannot reach a suitable agreement with the Lebanese government.

Maj. Haddad denounced recent attacks on Palestinian refugees in the Sidon area, possibly indicating that Israel had suggested his men move in to protect the refugees. Foreign press reports have blamed Maj. Haddad's Beirut-based rivals, the "Lebanese forces."

By good luck many people in the audience had left the cinema when the blaze started and only about 150 people were still inside. "If it had been full, the disaster would have been indescribable," one official said.

President Pertini later joined shocked and grieving relatives of the dead at the cemetery.

Arens accepts

TEL AVIV, Feb. 14 (AP) — Moshe Arens, Israel's ambassador in Washington, accepted the post of defense minister Monday, while Ariel Sharon bowed out of the job declaring "I am not a beaten man."

Yehiel Kadishai, Prime Minister Meir Barnea's secretary, announced Arens' acceptance to reporters shortly before Sharon took final leave of his office in a brief ceremony at Defense Ministry headquarters in Tel Aviv.

Arens' confirmation in the cabinet and Israeli parliament was virtually assured. Several members of the liberal faction of the governing Likud bloc say they oppose the

Sharon acted vindictively — Time

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 (AP) — An unpublished passage in Israel's report on the Beirut massacre disclosed that Ariel Sharon met with the family of Lebanese President Amine Gemayel the day after Gemayel's brother Bashir was assassinated, a U.S. magazine reports.

Sharon, whose resignation as Israeli defense minister was accepted by the Cabinet in occupied Jerusalem Sunday, reportedly spoke of the need "to take revenge" for the assassination of the president-elect, according to *Time* magazine.

"Sharon reportedly told the Gemayels that the Israeli Army would be moving into West

To review peace issue Crucial PNC session opens

ALGIERS, Feb. 14 (AP) — The Palestine National Council, the Palestine Liberation Organization's parliament-in-exile, formally opened a week-long session Monday, due to consider the current Middle East peace initiatives.

Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO was wildly cheered by the 360 council members and several hundred invited guests as he entered the conference hall accompanied by Algerian President Chadli Beji Caid Essebsi and other members of the Algerian government.

It was the first session of his council since the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the enforced removal of the PLO headquarters from Beirut to Tunis. It was also the first PNC session ever held in Algeria.

The council met in the International Conference Center on the rainswept Mediterranean Beach 25 kilometers west of Algiers. It was opened by its president, Khaled El Fahloum, widely regarded as a hard-liner.

Council members gathered earlier in the day to discuss a future peace strategy for the movement.

The PNC session was expected to endorse the proposals for peace with Israel adopted by Arab leaders meeting in Fez, Morocco last week. The Fez plan proposed a sovereign Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza.

Leaders of the PLO's eight constituent factions ended three days of preparatory talks late Sunday with recommendations urging formal PNC approval of the Fez plan. Arafat participated in drafting the Fez plan and put his full prestige behind it in the preliminary talks, sources said.

The sources said the recommendations agreed by the PLO leaders included:

Haddad forces enter Sidon

Christian militia, for some of the attacks on Palestinians.

The Lebanese government has rejected an Israeli demand for a limited military presence in a 45 km wide band of South Lebanon in order to prevent the return of Palestinian commandos.

Last week, the then Israeli Defense Minister, Ariel Sharon, told Lebanese Christian leaders that Israel might impose its own settlement on the south if there was no progress soon in the Israeli-Lebanese negotiations.

Maj. Haddad's militia of a few hundred men is entirely dependent on Israel for weapons and supplies.

After Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1978, Maj. Haddad's men controlled a strip of land along the Israeli border in which Israeli forces operated freely. Since Israel's bigger invasion last year, the Haddad militia has spread up to the Awali River, just north of Sidon.

Until Monday, however, its only presence in the Sidon area had been a few scattered checkpoints. After Maj. Haddad's press conference, his forces paraded through Sidon before moving into their new barracks in a former hospital.

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Riyadh hosts biggest food show in Mideast

By Devadas Kini
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 14 — The Deputy Minister of Supply Tawfiq Ibrahim Tawfiq declared open the biggest food industry show in the Middle East, Saudi Food '83 at the Al-Dhiafa Exhibition Center Sunday. The show features some 400 exhibitors from 27



Minister OKs Madinah projects

MADINAH, Feb. 14 — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh has approved four private projects in Madinah. *Al-Madinah* newspaper reported Monday.

The projects include an SR3,863,563 venture and an SR223,270 project to produce 1,200 heads of cattle every year. The third SR2,129,350 project calls for the production of 11,000 heads of cattle per year. The fourth SR1,178,799 project will produce 36 million eggs during each cycle.

Prayer Times

Tuesday	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	5:27	5:31	5:02	4:52	5:16	5:48
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:35	12:36	12:07	11:54	12:17	12:48
Asr (Afternoon)	3:52	3:51	3:22	3:07	3:32	4:00
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:19	6:17	5:47	5:33	5:57	6:25
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New Korean envoy arrives here today

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 14 — New South Korean Ambassador to the Kingdom Kwang Soo Choi will arrive here Tuesday. Choi, 48, has had a long experience of 27 years in various capacities since joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1956.

Apart from many stalls from agricultural countries like Ireland, Denmark and Australia, there was a stall from Egypt as well, perhaps the first in recent years. There was a stall of the Cardamom Board from India as well. The Director of the Board S.D. Khemani said Saudi Arabia is major importer of cardamom from India.

He told *Arab News* that one of the fast growing export items to the Kingdom is the Dutch floricultural products. The Netherlands export of plants and cut flowers, which was only two million Dutch guilders in 1978, has progressively soared to three million in 1979, 5.2 million in 1980, 9.1 million in 1981 and it is estimated to be about 13 million in 1982. The flowers include roses, carnations, gladioli and chrysanthemums.

A representative of the 30-strong group of companies from Holland said, "We think Saudi Food '83 is great—an excellent opportunity for worldwide manufacturers to present themselves."

After graduating from the College of Law at the Seoul National University in 1957, he studied at the School of Foreign Service at the Georgetown University, U.S.A., in 1959.

In 1970 he became director general for Trade Promotion in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the following year he became director-general for Asian Affairs Bureau.

In 1972, he became assistant minister for logistics, defense industries, installations and medical service of the Ministry of National Defense, then vice minister of national defense the next year, and chief of protocol to the president in 1974.

He was appointed secretary-general to the president in 1979, member of the cabinet and first minister without portfolio the next year. In 1981 Choi was appointed member of the cabinet and minister of communications, a post he quit last year.

Race held

RIYADH, (SPA) — Prince Badr ibn Abdul Aziz, the deputy commander of the National Guard and vice president of Al-Ferousseya Club, Monday afternoon attended the 17th Arabian horse racing event at Al-Malazz race track. Prizes for the five races totaled SR66,000.

Jeddah fish farm planned

JEDDAH, Feb. 14 (SPA) — The Fish Wealth and Research Center in Jeddah is currently building a fish farm north of Obhur in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization to conduct practical experiments on the Kingdom's fisheries.

Fuad Dhabestani, director of the center, said that the farm, which has been supplied with Saudi Arabian experts specializing in

GCC oil experts view coordination

MANAMA, Feb. 14 (AFP) — A two-day meeting of oil experts from the six-member countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) which opened in Muscat Sunday will mainly discuss the coordination of oil production, the Oman Press Agency reported.

Top officials responsible for exploration and production at the six countries' oil ministries will also discuss cooperation in the exploration field.

BRIEFS

Saudi-Swiss talks

RIYADH, (SPA) — Prince Sultan ibn Abdul Aziz, the second deputy premier and minister of defense and aviation, Sunday conferred here with Dr. Peter Saqua, member of the Swiss Parliament and head of the Political Science Institute.

Assistance arrives

HODAIDA, (SPA) — Unloading of cargo has begun from the ship carrying 100,000 tons of dates donated by Saudi Arabia to alleviate the suffering of victims of the earthquake that struck Dhamar area in North Yemen. The vessel was coming from Ahsa. The dates were packed by Saudi Arabian plants.

Kharj tree week

JEDDAH — More than 10,000 saplings will be planted in Kharj during the plant-a-tree week there next month. *Al-Mesra'eyyah* reported. Al-Kharj Governor Sheikh Homoud ibn Shabib will attend the week's opening ceremony.

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this field, will provide the private sector's fish farms with information on the Kingdom's fish wealth and the practical means of fishing.

He said the center, in cooperation with the regional Fisheries Development Project in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, is currently implementing plans of action on the fish areas and quotas as well as economic and social surveys on the fisherfolk.

Dhabestani indicated that the center, in cooperation with the Saudi Arabian Fisheries Company, is also presently implementing a shrimp wealth project aimed at developing and multiplying shrimp production in the Kingdom.

Somali team arriving

RIYADH, Feb. 14 (SPA) — Somali First Vice President and Defense Minister Muhammad Ali Samatar will arrive here Tuesday at the head of a military delegation for a visit to Saudi Arabia. He will acquaint himself with the progress made by Saudi Arabian armed forces.

Information talks held

RIYADH, Feb. 14 (SPA) — Muhammad Jaber, member of the North Yemeni Consultative Council met here Monday with Dr. Abdulla Khan, undersecretary at the Information Ministry. The talks covered cooperation in the field of information. The Saudi Arabian media staffed at the time of an earthquake which shook North Yemen in December and its future contribution to protecting the situation in the devastated regions and the reconstruction needed.

TOURING KINGDOM: These three businessmen from the Kenyan town of Mombasa are now touring Saudi Arabia exploring joint venture possibilities. Left to right: Salim Abeid, Omar, Khermohamed Ali and Nigel M. Sanders.

Pest control team arrives from Kenya

By Omar Basaddiq
Riyadh Bureau

health officer, Salim Abeid; Omar, and the general manager of a local anti-pest firm, Nigel M. Sanders.

Sanders told *Arab News* that apart from providing expertise in pest control, their project will provide cleaning services to commercial and industrial premises, as well as private residences. "We have had experience over 25 years in this field in East Africa," he said.

The delegation is visiting the Kingdom with a feasibility study on the proposed project and assurances from the Chamber of Commerce that such services are welcome.

Salim Abeid said pest control is an essential concomitant of public health, particularly in developing and expanding urban areas of increasingly large populations such as Jeddah. "He said the need becomes more acute when it is realized that the Jeddah Islamic Port has a huge volume of shipping traffic."

"It is very easy for such a sprawling metropolis to be infested with rodents, and if no proper control is undertaken, there it becomes a big health hazard," he added.

There also are economic considerations in pest control, mainly in the prevention of grain deterioration. According to Sanders, the world loses about 12 percent of its grain production due to insects.

The delegation's trip will include Jeddah, Dammam, Riyadh and other major towns.

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King Fahd, Prince Abdullah thanked**Civic plans aim at Hail transformation**

HAIL, Feb. 14 (SPA) — Hail Governor Prince Miqren ibn Abdul Aziz has cabled his thanks to King Fahd and Crown Prince Abdullah, the first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, for their approval of the recommendations of a committee of undersecretaries on the area's projects.

The committee proposed, among other things, the renovation of old quarters, the construction of parking lots near the Grand

Microwave, telephone, telex systems attract MECOM '83 exhibit visitors

MANAMA, Feb. 14 — Visitors to the MECOM '83 — Middle East Communications and Electronic Show and Conference — which was held here from Feb. 7 through 10, showed keen interest in the intra-Saudi Arabian microwave system operated and maintained by SARTELCO, Sar Group, and the Yanbu Industrial City telephone and telex system which is being constructed by the company, according to a company spokesman.

He said that the main interest of the visitors was how SARTELCO is carrying out the operation and maintenance of "such an ambitious project, unique in its nature and large in its size."

The SARTELCO spokesman explained to

Youth welfare meeting set for Feb. 28

RIYADH, Feb. 14 (SPA) — The Supreme Committee of Youth's Annual International Festivals will hold its second meeting here on Feb. 28 under the chairmanship of Prince Faisal ibn Abdul Aziz, president of the Youth Welfare Organization.

The meeting will discuss the outcome of contacts undertaken by the Higher Education Ministry with the Kingdom's universities on their participation in youth festivals.

The committee is made up of representatives from Ministries of Education, Information, Labor and Social Affairs and Agricul-

ture as well as the Technical Education and Vocational Training Administration, the Youth Welfare Organization and the Girls' Education Administration.

Prince Faisal gave directives to set up a joint committee including representatives from information and publication departments of the Youth Welfare Organization in collaboration with the Press Department at the Information Ministry to undertake a survey on writers and editors who have rendered great services in the field of sport.



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Mosque and elsewhere and the creation of public parks in all districts.

An artificial lake will also be created at a site to be chosen by the municipality. The king and crown prince also agreed to increase the city's share of asphalting, pavement construction and lighting, to furnish the cultural center and to allocate the necessary sums to study and design a major entertainment park here. The municipal building itself will be improved and computerized, and an automa-

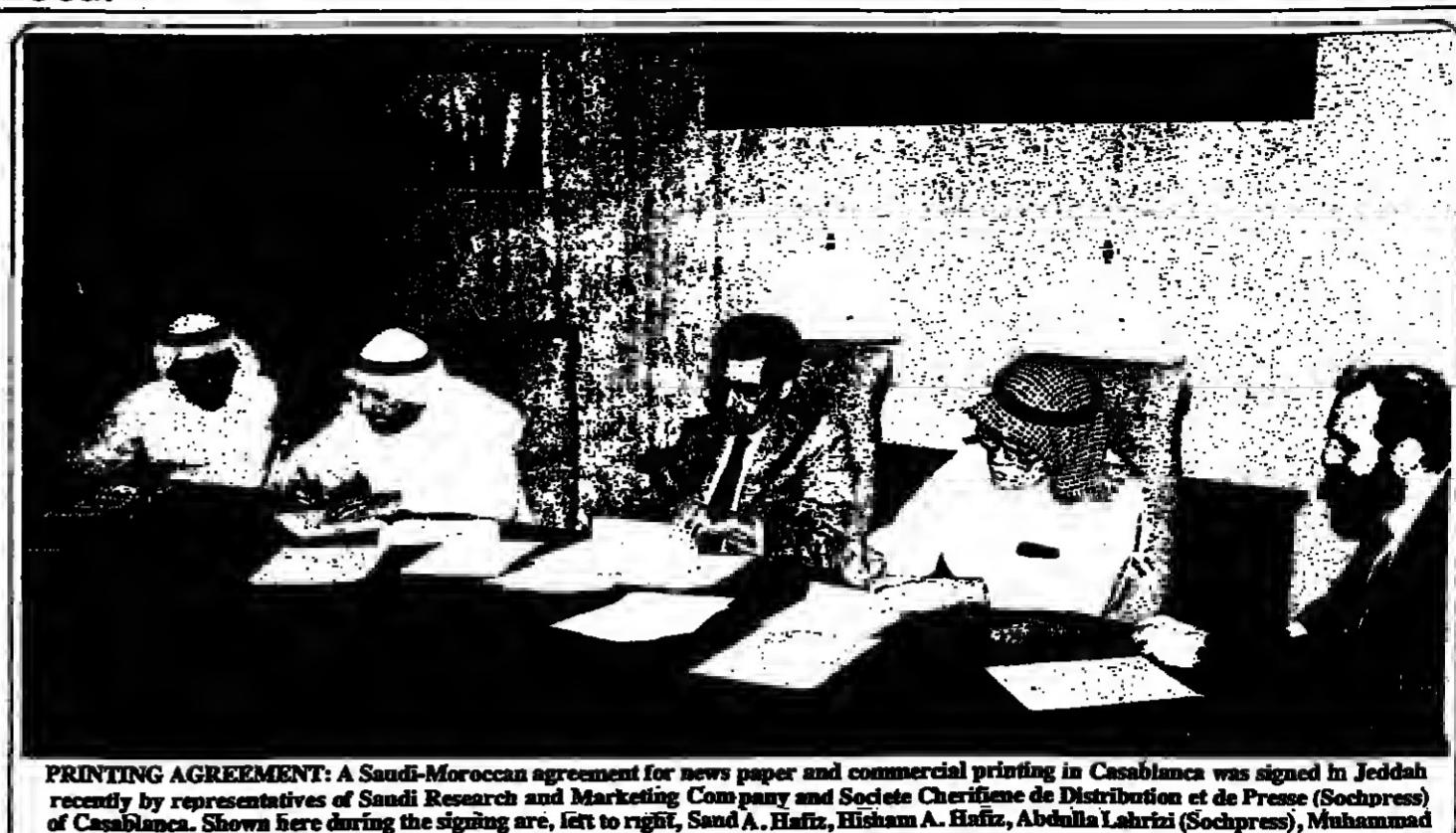
tic slaughterhouse will be set up. Five large rural complexes will also be built.

The committee proposed the development of neighboring villages and rural complexes by introducing a series of projects there. The projects include a drinking water network, asphalting, lighting and the vegetable market.

Other projects proposed by the committee included increasing irrigation facilities and establishing a desalination plant. Some 27 dams will be built and the drinking water needs of the area's villages will be assessed.

A 200-bed maternity hospital will be built along with three hospitals in Baq'a, Sumraya and Al-Hulayqa of 100 beds each. Health centers will also be set up in the villages. Three social security offices, a kindergarten and a rehabilitation center for the handicapped will be opened and a feasibility study will be undertaken to build a vocational training center in Al-Ha't.

Other projects include the establishment of traffic counters, the introduction of patrol cars on certain roads, the opening of a local branch for one of the Kingdom's universities to teach the kind of technology most needed in Saudi Arabia, and the opening of three branches of the Agricultural Bank.



PRINTING AGREEMENT: A Saudi-Moroccan agreement for news paper and commercial printing in Casablanca was signed in Jeddah recently by representatives of Saudi Research and Marketing Company and Societe Chérifienne de Distribution et de Presse (Sochpress) of Casablanca. Shown here during the signing are, left to right, Saad A. Hafiz, Hisham A. Hafiz, Abdulla Lahzizi (Sochpress), Muhammad A. Hafiz and Bassam El-Khazan.

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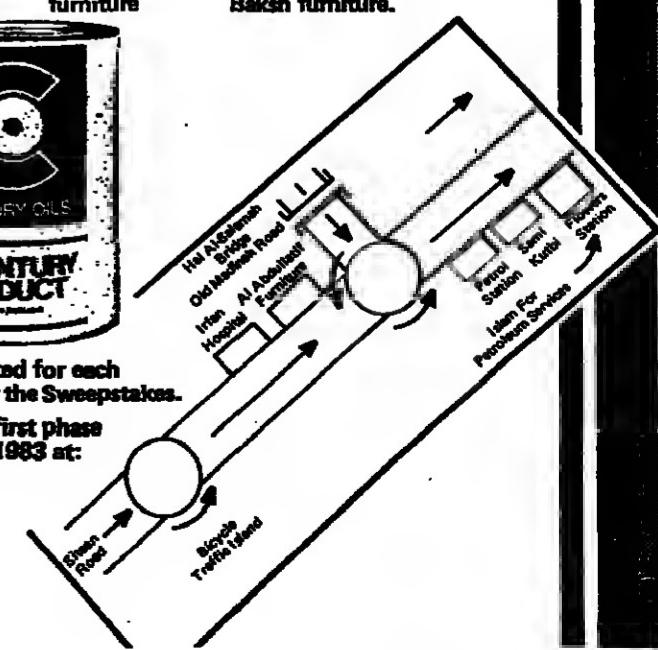
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In Lebanon**EEC may take initiative for Palestinians' safety**

BEIRUT, Feb. 14 (AP) — The 10 members of the European Economic Community may take an initiative to ensure protection of Palestinian civilians in Lebanon, Western diplomatic source said here Monday.

The initiative may be in the form of a solemn declaration calling for an undertaking to guarantee the security of all refugees.

The EEC initiative came at a time when fears are mounting for the safety of refugees here.

The director of the Relief Organization for Palestinian Refugees (UNPR), Olof Rydbeck, recently said he was deeply concerned at the deterioration of security of Palestinian refugees.

He repeated that Israel was responsible for the welfare of Palestinian civilians in South

Cheysson urges end to Gulf war

BAGHDAD, Feb. 14 (R) — French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson renewed an appeal for a negotiated end to the Iraq-Iran Gulf war here Monday, saying that the continued fighting carried the risk of much bloodshed and superpower intervention.

Cheysson spoke at a news conference at the end of a visit to Bagdad where he met President Saddam Hussein. France is a major supplier of arms to Iraq and French firms are undertaking several key contracts.

But Cheysson would not be drawn on details of a credit package that Iraq is seeking to enable it to continue its development projects.

He clearly had been moved by seeing Baghdad television newsreel film lingering over mounds of corpses on the Gulf war battlefield, following the start of a new Iranian offensive Sunday.

"You have seen the horrors. I appeal from this table for peace," he said.

Lebanon, particularly after the recent discovery of 15 bodies of Palestinians near the Ain Helou camp.

UNRWA reported last week that 15 bodies were found in two weeks near the camp at Saida in South Lebanon. Three of the bodies had been burned.

One victim came from the camp at Bourj Chamali, about kilometers south of Saida. The whole of South Lebanon is occupied by the Israeli army.

UNWRA also said the Christian militia had threatened Palestinians living in the area, forcing them to leave their houses within 24 hours and move to camps. Ten families in the mountains and 13 others in the town of Saida had received threats.

The press Monday quoted Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan as saying he had asked the special U.S. envoy Philip Habib to "raise the question of acts of aggression being suffered by Lebanese and Palestinian civilians in South Lebanon and to insist that Israeli forces face up to their responsibilities as laid down by international conventions."

He also said he had discussed the problem with President Amin Gemayel.

Meanwhile, protected by an uneasy truce, two young leaders of the feuding Christian and Druze militias joked together and admitted they were not certain about the reasons for their bitter battles.

Egypt seeks F-16s

CAIRO, Feb. 14 (R) — The commander of the Egyptian Air Force said in a newspaper interview that Egypt was negotiating with the United States to obtain an advanced version of the F-16 jet fighter bomber.

Muhammad Abdul-Hamid Helmi told the semi-official *Al-Ahram* newspaper Sunday that the air force was thinking of selling its F-4 jet fleet to other countries to pay for the new planes.

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**Oman reels under heavy rains**

MANAMA, Feb. 14 (AP) — The Sultanate of Oman proclaimed a state of "maximum alert" because of heavy rains which were said to be threatening some strategic islands in the Gulf.

The Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency quoted a statement issued in Muscat as saying the rains have resulted in damages to a number of areas, including the Al-Bureini oasis, Shirat, Sour and the island of Museira.

The extent of damage was not given. But reports over the weekend said an Omani military transport had left for Museira with tents and relief supplies.

Sunday was the fourth day of sustained heavy rainfall in Oman, with the highest level, 183 millimeters, reported 24 hours earlier in Musira, which has a special strategic significance in the Gulf.

The United Arab Emirates was also coming under heavy rain, with levels of 53.9 millimeters in Sharjah over the past three days, more than the total level recorded during the past three months.

Torrential rains this time last year resulted in the death of around 500 persons in the neighboring South Yemen, in addition to damages estimated at \$1 billion.

It was the second time Oman proclaims a state of alert in recent weeks. The first instance came Jan. 23, when the government feared radioactive debris from the Soviet spy satellite Cosmos, would be falling into the Arabian Sea.

I killed in Dhaka demonstration

DHAKA, Feb. 14 (R) — One student died and at least 87 persons were injured in fierce clashes Monday between police and students protesting against military rule.

Police first used water cannon and tear gas and then opened fire to disperse several thousand students who hurled bricks and stones at them. The student died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital from bullet wounds, hospital sources said. Fifty policemen were being treated for injuries as well as 37 other persons, nearly all students, the sources said.

The trouble started when the students, from Dhaka University and several city colleges, went ahead with a demonstration against martial law and a new education policy, despite government warnings that it was illegal. As the marchers attempted to scale a barricade on their way to the government secretariat the police acted to disperse them.

ANKARA, (R) — Twenty persons were killed and four injured in a head-on crash between a bus and a lorry Sunday in the town of Birecik, state radio reported.

ABU DHABI, (R) — Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van den Broek and UAE

African leaders call for OAU unity

Habyarimana of Rwanda during a meeting of the Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries.

He asked all responsible officials to work with tolerance, dialogue and respect for all engagements, specifically the charter of the organization.

The appeal was issued Sunday by presidents Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire, Jean-Baptiste Bagaza of Burundi and Juvenal

BRIEFS

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah Monday discussed the situation in the Middle East and the Gulf.

LOS ANGELES, (AP) — Shouting "death to Khomeini" and "long live Reza Shah," more than 2,000 Iranian demonstrators clogged the West Los Angeles sidewalk to protest Iranian regime that took power four years ago.

DATSUM, Feb. 14 (R) — A bomb blast ripped through a former office of Iraqi airlines Monday. Police said no one was hurt.

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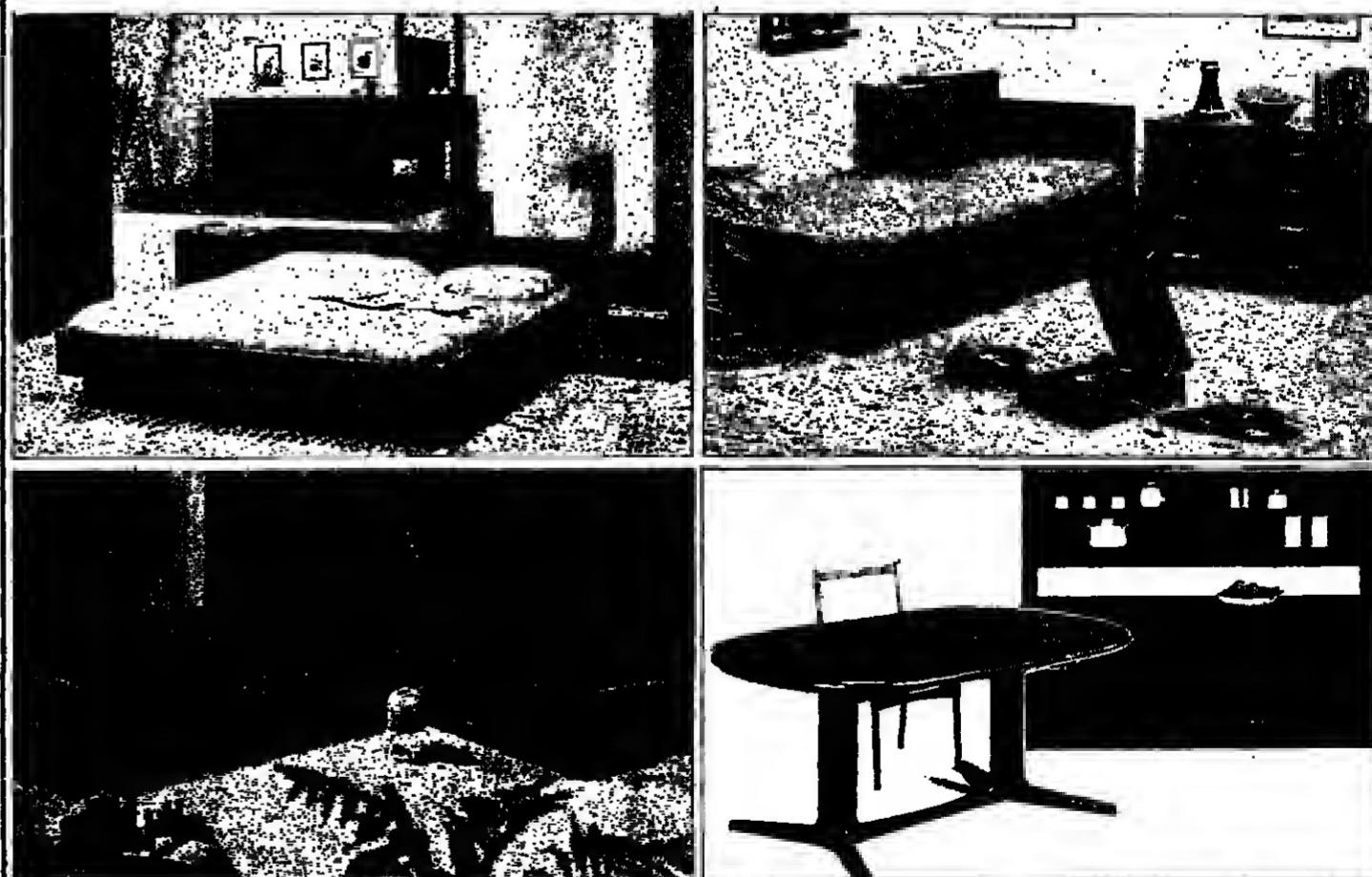
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Guided missiles from U.S.**Thais to buy French Exocets**

BANGKOK, Feb. 14 (AFP) — Thailand plans to buy more French-built Exocet missiles, which skim the sea to avoid detection by radar. Thai Navy Commander in chief Adm. Sombon Chuapibul said in an interview published Monday.

Adm. Sombon told the *Nation Review*, an English-language publication, that the missile purchase was part of a much wider Thai naval buildup designed to deter a perceived threat to Thailand's coastlines.

Thailand reportedly has about 10 first-generation MM-38 Exocets, the type that Argentina used to inflict heavy losses on the British naval task force during the war last year over the Falkland Islands.

Current negotiations are reported to focus on the advance-technology MM-39 Exocet, which has a longer range and is able to fly even lower than the earlier model. Exocets are said to sell for about \$one million each.

Adm. Sombon confirmed that Thailand

would also buy long-range guided missiles from the United States, including the Harpoon sea skimmer, which is comparable to the Exocet, and the Sea Sparrow, a surface-to-air system.

The navy chief said Thailand was negotiating for the construction of two Corvette class warships and some destroyers. A U.S. source said French, British, U.S. and Italian companies were competing to fill that order.

To boost its reconnaissance capability, the navy has ordered from the Netherlands two Fokker-27 turbo-jet aircraft, which can be equipped with air-to-surface missiles. Adm. Sombon said.

The twin-engine jets will have an electronic target identification system, and will be able to make long-range reconnaissance flights over the Gulf of Thailand. Communist-ruled Cambodia and Vietnam are also on that gulf. Adm. Sombon indi-

cated the navy planned to increase marine manpower at eastern bases. He also said additional 105-mm and 155-mm howitzers would be ordered to bolster existing artillery batteries.

The purchases were part of a five-year modernization plan that will feature local construction of at least four patrol and landing craft, the admiral said. Thailand's navy includes a large number of surplus U.S. ships of Vietnam vintage, said by defense experts to be badly in need of replacement.

Thailand's announced plan to buy more Exocets comes amid some strain with France involving another major contract. Thai Airways International, the state-owned carrier, canceled an order in September for two A300-600 Airbus aircraft, worth \$116 million. Instead, the airline opted to purchase two U.S.-made Boeing 767-200 aircraft, subject to cabinet approval.

Airbus Industries, a European consortium, refused to accept cancellation of the initial contract. And France, Britain and West Germany have joined forces to persuade the Thai government to buy the Airbus after all.

As nuclear debate heats up**Thatcher likened to Hitler**

PORTRUSH, England, Feb. 14 (AP) — Britain's opposition Labor Party chairman has likened Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to Adolf Hitler as the national debate on nuclear weapons escalated after a week of setbacks for disarmers.

Earlier, Mrs. Thatcher's Defense Secretary Michael Heseltine insisted U.S. nuclear Cruise missiles due to be deployed in Britain could not be fired without British authority, but said Britain had turned down on grounds of cost a U.S. offer of "dual key" control.

"What Maggie wants to do is to look at what brought Hitler to power and look at what she herself is doing now," Labor Chairman Sam McCluskie told a party conference Sunday in this south England port.

Referring to a weekend speech in which Mrs. Thatcher said one-sided disarmament by the allies would have left Hitler in power for 1,000 years, McCluskie added: "It was unemployment which was the main process for that man coming to power. And when he came to power he tried to destroy organized labor. The next thing he did was to attack ethnic minorities."

"Maggie, what the hell are you doing? She is doing exactly the bloody same and nobody is saying anything. It was because of idiots like her that he got to power."

Unemployment in Britain has more than doubled to a record 3.2 million, 13.8 percent, since Mrs. Thatcher came to power in May 1979. Laborites also blamed 1981 rioting in high-immigrant, non-white inner city districts partly on her tight-money policies and strict immigration and nationality laws.

In a boost for the Conservative government, the church, last Thursday rejected unilateral nuclear disarmament and banning Cruise. Earlier, the Oxford University Union, the debating society in which generations of political leaders have cut their teeth, reversed a 50-year-old pacifist resolution.

Faced with a probable general election this



British Premier Margaret Thatcher
year and determined to deploy Cruise missiles by December barring a superpower disarmament agreement, the Conservative government has stepped up markedly since January campaign to swing voters behind what opponents denounce as Mrs. Thatcher's hawkish policies.

Opinion polls show a majority of Britons reject Labor's pledge to scrap Britain's nuclear weapons unilaterally, but most also oppose the deployment of Cruise missiles in this country.

The latest poll by Opinion and Research Center for Independent Television's Sunday "Weekend World" program showed 78 percent against nuclear disarmament compared with 17 percent in favor, but 47 percent opposed Cruise with 39 percent in favor. The remainder had no opinion.

Sixty-four percent also said they had "little or no" confidence the United States could deal wisely with international problems, while 32 percent put their trust in Washington.

Heseltine, interviewed on the program, said it was "not conceivable" the Cruise missiles could be fired without the agreement of the British prime minister.

Elizabeth trip resented

PUEBLO VALLARTA, Mexico Feb. 14 (AFP) — Mexico's leftist political parties plan to issue formal protests against the visit here of Britain's Queen Elizabeth at the end of this week, they announced Sunday.

The head of the Socialist Workers Party, Adalberto Ramirez, said "monarchs represent imperialism and colonialism which have caused so much harm to society." Abel Salgado, leader of the Unified Socialist Party, said the Mexican government's planned official welcome for the queen "is incongruous with the government's policy of austerity."

Mario Navarrete, head of the Mexican Workers' Party, complained that preparations for the queen's visit were "incongruous with Mexico's foreign policy of backing Central American countries where the people are fighting to banish colonialism."

S.Africa blamed for Lesotho blast

MASERU, Lesotho, Feb. 14 (AP) — A bomb destroyed one of three main petroleum depots in the capital late Sunday, Radio Lesotho reported. It said the blast was set off by South African-backed guerrillas of the Lesotho Liberation Army, the military wing of the exiled Basutoland Congress Party.

The radio said a thick black cloud billowed into the air as the depot burned out early Monday.

A Lesotho government spokesman said a helicopter was seen hovering over the area, on the banks of the Caledon River which separates Lesotho from South Africa. "The enemy was now concentrating on economic targets like it is doing in Angola and Mozambique," the spokesman said in a clear reference to white-minority-ruled South Africa.

Guerrillas of the Lesotho Liberation Army have claimed responsibility for dozens of bomb attacks and assaults on government ministers and police in recent years in the tiny mountain kingdom surrounded by South Africa.

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Japanese create low temperature

TOKYO, Feb. 14 (AFP) — A group of Japanese physicists has created a record low temperature in a cryostat, opening the way for a new range of experiments.

The group, from Tokyo University's institute of solid state physics, has succeeded in lowering the temperature to three-100,000th (0.00003) degrees above the absolute zero temperature of minus 273.15 degrees Centigrade, the temperature considered the lowest possible theoretically, a university spokesman said.

The world's previous record low temperature of 3.8-100,000th degrees above the absolute temperature was set by the Juilich Nuclear Research Institute of West Germany two years ago. The breakthrough has been made in an experiment under way since January, the third in a series on what is claimed to be the world's most efficient ultra low temperature cryostat.

The vacuum cryostat, measuring three meters in height and some 80 centimeters in diameter, was completed last August.

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recordings.

PARIS, (AFP) — A bomb attack claimed by a small French anarchist group Monday caused slight damage to a firm producing military equipment. The pre-dawn blast shattered the windows of the Samm Machinery Company in the Paris suburbs which manufactures helicopter guidance systems and turreting sight systems for the AMX-30 and AMX-10 tanks. A group calling itself the Bakunin-Gdansk-Paris-Guatemala-Salvador

Zimbabwe declines swap of former special agents

HARARE, Feb. 14 (R) — The Zimbabwe government Monday ruled out any deal with a foreign country for the release of two former special agents detained last month soon after they were cleared by the high court of spying charges.

Government spokesman Justin Nyoka said: "These men are Zimbabwean citizens. We cannot exchange our citizens a foreign country."

He was responding to questions by Reuters about a stepped-up government campaign to prove that Philip Hartleybury, 30, a dual British-Zimbabwean national, and Colin Evans, 27, a Zimbabwean, had admitted spying for South Africa.

The government said last week it had

'Bandit queen' gets her way

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14 (AP) — Indian "bandit queen" Phoolan Devi was used to getting her own way as boss of a feared gang in central India and even after surrendering she reportedly continues to throw her weight around.

The 26-year-old de-throned bandit queen objected to being put in the women's ward of the central jail at Gwalior and demanded that she be reunited with the rest of her gang in the men's ward since she was accustomed to living with them.

The authorities gave in and moved her Sunday to the men's ward, whose inmates include Phoolan's male friend, Man Singh, the United News of India reported from Gwalior, 280 kilometers southeast of New Delhi. Police declined to confirm the report and jail officials could not be reached.

Phoolan Devi, a short, slim girl with black hair, and flashing dark eyes, along with seven male outlaw comrades, surrendered Saturday with the symbolic act of handing over their rifles and kneeling at the feet of the chief minister of the state of Madhya Pradesh.

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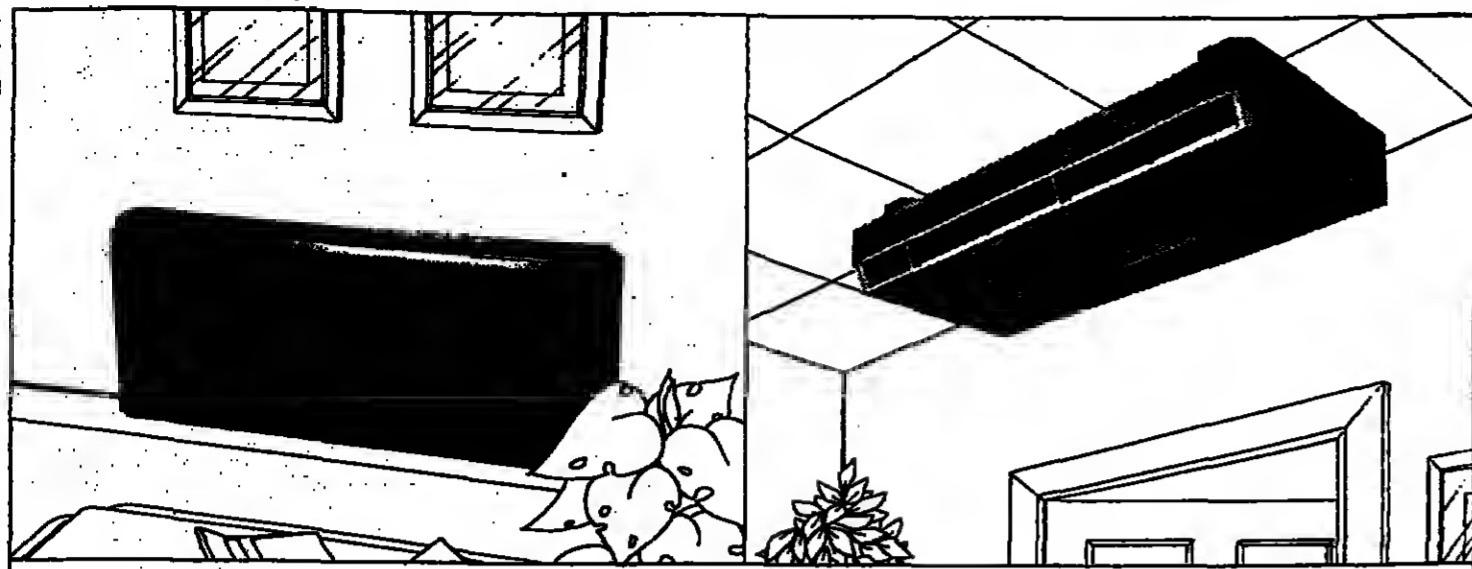
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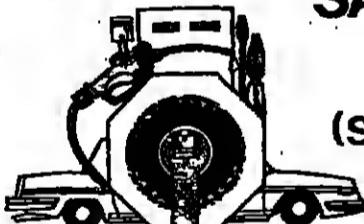
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Afghanistan, Gulf war may be main issues for Delhi summit

MEXICO CITY —

Most Latin American and Caribbean countries at next month's nonaligned summit in New Delhi, India, are likely to make radical attempts to portray the United States as the region's main troublemaker and the Soviet Union as a "natural ally." As far as African leaders are concerned, the nonaligned summit will provide an opportunity to do something they have twice failed to do in their own continent — to meet.

Latin American and Caribbean countries will press for reaffirmation of the nonaligned movement's traditional dependence of the two superpowers, according to regional political analysts.

Most Latin American leaders privately resent the heavy U.S. influence in the region but feel that a sharp condemnation of Washington by the summit would be counterproductive.

"The movement can only remain an effective moral pressure group by maintaining a tight balancing act and not being seen as tilting toward one power bloc or another," an international affairs expert said.

Most countries in the region have too great a shared interest with, or economic dependence on, the United States to allow diatribes to sour relations.

This was a main reason why the U.S. escaped condemnation at a nonaligned ministerial meeting last month in Managua, Nicaragua, on the situation in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The meeting, in preparation for the New Delhi summit, blamed the U.S. for some of the area's problems but stopped short of an outright condemnation as demanded by Cuba and Nicaragua.

Regional analysts feel the summit will be unable to focus closely on Latin American problems because of other pressing world issues, including the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, the Iran-Iraq war, the situation in Southern Africa and dispute over the Kampuchean representation.

But they expect the summit to ratify the Managua communiqué which called on the United States to play a constructive role in the search for peace in Central America and told Washington it should not consider Latin America and the Caribbean as its "strategic reserve."

The communiqué also voiced unqualified sup-

port for Argentina's stand in its dispute with Britain over the Falkland Islands. Argentine President Reynaldo Bignone will attend the summit to emphasize his country's determination to play a more active role in the nonaligned movement.

Foreign Ministry sources in Buenos Aires believe that long-term deeper Argentine involvement in the movement will mean increased links with black African and Arab countries at the expense of South Africa and Israel.

Although the summit is expected to ratify the Managua communiqué, Belize expressed reservations at Managua on sections condemning Britain's presence in the South Atlantic. British troops are garrisoned in Belize to deter Guatemala, which claims part of the territory from attacking it.

Alongside political issues, the New Delhi summit is expected to focus on economic problems and press industrial countries for a new economic order more beneficial to the Third World. Latin American countries, saddled with a total foreign debt of more than \$300 billion, are unanimous in the view that continued worsening of the world economy is a potentially disruptive political problem.

Latin America is experiencing negative economic growth for the first time in 40 years. Inflation last year was a record 80 percent, unemployment is rising and one out of every three persons in the region lives in abject poverty.

Fourteen countries in the region are full members of the nonaligned movement — Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Cuba, Ecuador, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Suninam, Trinidad-Tobago and Santa Lucia — and nine have observer status.

Venezuela and Colombia have pending applications for membership, which could be brought up at the summit. Analysts said the admission of Colombia appeared certain but opposition by Guyana, with which Venezuela has a territorial dispute, could prevent Venezuela from joining.

Cuba is one of the most influential nonaligned countries and has played a major role since the last summit in Havana in 1979 — though President Fidel Castro, as chairman, has failed to get the movement to adopt his view of the Soviet Union as the nonaligned countries' "natural ally."

Latin American countries consider the

nonaligned summit an important forum for airing world problems. But Peruvian President Fernando Belaunde Terry echoed the sentiments of most regional leaders when he said recently he did not expect a panacea for the world's problems to result from the meeting.

Neither do the African participants in the summit. But they will have considered the summit to have served a very useful purpose if only it would give them an opportunity to meet and try to tackle some of the pressing problems affecting the region.

Two attempts to hold the Organization of African Unity's (OAU's) annual summit in Libya last year broke down because of disputes between moderate and radical factions, a failure without precedent in the organization's 19-year history.

The breakdown deprived the OAU's 50 nations of the ability to speak with one voice on issues of common concern, such as the slow pace of moves toward independence for Namibia (Southwest Africa) and the situation in Southern Africa.

Nigeria, an influential moderate, successfully called for a meeting, to be held here next week, of a 12-nation committee charged with finding a way out of the deadlock. Nigerian Foreign Minister Ishaya Audu told reporters after talks last week with Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi, the current OAU chairman: "Africa must go to New Delhi with a unified position on major issues." He did not elaborate.

Diplomats said the Nairobi talks, expected to be between heads of state, were unlikely to solve the issues which scuttled the Tripoli summit — disputed OAU membership of the Polisario Front, which is fighting Moroccan control of Western Sahara, and a row over who should represent Chad.

But they said the session could lay the groundwork for exchanges on broader issues in New Delhi. The diplomats said a major concern of all OAU states was slow progress in steering Namibia, ruled by South Africa in defiance of the United Nations, toward independence.

They are expected to seek nonaligned condemnation of attempts by South Africa and the United States to link Namibian independence with withdrawal of Cuban troops from neighboring Angola.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier de Perez Cuellar, currently on an African tour, has been praised in many capitals for condemning the attempt to link the issues. African states are also expected to push in New Delhi for a statement condemning what they see as South African attempts to destabilize by economic and military force its black-ruled neighbors such as Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Angola.

Another African concern is that the Indian Ocean should be free of military traffic and bases — an old topic which became a live issue again when a left-wing government arrived in power last June in the island state of Mauritius.

Apart from demanding demilitarization of the Indian Ocean, Mauritius claims sovereignty over the Diego Garcia atoll, which Britain leases to the United States as a military base. It has accused the U.S. of turning the atoll into a nuclear base, which Washington denies, and has won support for its cause from India.

Diplomatic sources said the nonaligned summit might try to get a U.N. conference convened to consider implementing a 1972 resolution by the General Assembly political committee declaring the Indian Ocean "a zone of peace."

Diplomats in North African capitals said the Iran-Iraq war, the Western Sahara dispute and the Middle East were main topics of concern to Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia. All three support the Arab Middle East peace plan worked out in Monrovia last September, and Morocco is expected to seek nonaligned endorsement of the proposals.

Rabat also wants support for its plan to hold a referendum in Western Sahara to determine whether its inhabitants want independence or integration with Morocco. This issue seems bound to split both African states and other members of the movement; since many radical states regard Morocco's rule over the former Spanish territory as a remnant of colonialism; diplomats said.

Alongside political issues, the nonaligned summit is expected to reinforce Third World demands for progress in the "North-South" dialogue between industrial and developing countries on economic and financial problems. In this area, the voice of Africa, the least developed region in the world according to the International Monetary Fund, will be among the loudest, the diplomats said. (R)

Feud erupts in Sri Lanka's major opposition party

By Neville de Silva

COLOMBO —

In spite of the prospect of almost 20 parliamentary by-elections before mid-year, a major feud has erupted in the principal opposition party here, the Sri Lanka Freedom Party of former Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike.

At the center of the current row is Mrs. Bandaranaike's son, Anura, and her son-in-law, the film star Vijaya Kumaratunga.

At last week's meeting of the Freedom Party's central committee, Anura Bandaranaike was criticized for newspaper interviews given before last December's national referendum, in which he appeared to welcome the idea of a government of national unity.

President Junius Jayewardene aired the idea of a government of national unity following his election last October, saying the government would be more representative if opposition parties joined it.

Bandaranaike told an interviewer: "I don't belong to the category which says to hell with the idea. I know seriously a number of (Freedom Party) members would like to know what form such a government would take." The October referendum

extended the life of the present United National Party-dominated parliament until 1989, thus bypassing the general elections that should have taken place next year.

The proposed by-elections would be to fill vacancies in parliament caused by the forced resignations of a minister and six deputy ministers and 10 others who did poorly in last year's elections. Analysts said Jayewardene's intention was to permit the "democratically-inclined" sections of the SLFP or even leftists win some seats to strengthen the parliamentary opposition.

Meantime, at last week's Freedom Party central committee meeting, a resolution was moved calling for disciplinary action against Bandaranaike. The resolution was seconded by his brother-in-law, Vijaya Kumaratunga. The two have never agreed on Freedom Party policy.

Bandaranaike has insisted on following the path of the founder of the party, his late father, Prime Minister Srimavo Bandaranaike. Kumaratunga has argued for a more Socialist-Marxist oriented policy.

Following last week's attack on him, Bandaranaike retaliated with accusations that three members of the party central committee were

responsible for the party's defeat in the referendum. The government won almost 55 percent of the vote. He sent a letter to the party's general secretary criticizing, among others, the party's two vice presidents, Tikiri Bandara Ilangaratne and V.W. Kularatne.

Ilangaratne said that Ilangaratne had pledged a full socialist government and this contravened the party constitution. Bandaranaike accused his brother-in-law, meanwhile, of using abusive language on political platforms and promising a "red regime," thus alienating thousands of voters.

The Freedom Party was in power for seven years, until its defeat in 1977. It has since been plagued with internal discord.

Less than two years ago, the party split. Its deputy leader, Maithripala Senanayake, formed his own faction, and Mrs. Bandaranaike took over the other. Anura Bandaranaike, who first joined Senanayake, returned to his mother's faction later.

President Junius Jayewardene, exploiting the divisions in the party, called for an early presidential poll last October and was returned for a second term. He won nearly 53 percent of the vote.

The referendum extending the life of parliament

Letters to the editor

King Fahd's example

Sir,

We, in the Yanbu industrial city, were taken aback to notice the sudden disappearance of all the welcome and the sky-high gates erected and decorations arranged to greet King Fahd on his recent visit to Yanbu on the very day of his arrival.

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Munir Ahmad
Drilltech
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High cost of marriage

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'Accept the Third World as a fact'

Experts urge fresh North-South dialogue

By Charles Guneswadewa

HONG KONG (Depthnews) — The North-South dialogue, in which rich and poor countries have been arguing about changes in world economic and financial relations for several years, has made little progress. Southern proposals, pressed with passion, often meet stonewalling by Northern governments.

There are difficulties of substance and conflicting interests which hold back agreement. But not all the obstacles to progress spring from this source, says a report just published by the London-based Commonwealth Secretariat.

The *North-South Dialogue: Making it Work* is the combined effort of a group of nine persons from both developed and developing Commonwealth countries with high level experience of North-South negotiations. Commonwealth Secretary-General Shridath Ramphal asked them to study the obstacles to progress stemming from within the negotiating process itself. This followed a decision by Commonwealth leaders at their meeting in Melbourne, Australia, last October, on a proposal from Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser.

The group is convinced that changes in negotiating style and attitudes and in the structure and procedure of debate can themselves raise the prospects for agreement between the industrialized North and the developing South.

It finds fault with both groups on their

approach to negotiations. It says, for instance, that the developing countries should cut down on ideological rhetoric, be less political and more technical in their arguments, and more restrained and persuasive in presenting their case. And the North, it points out, should stop encouraging extremism in the South by failing to discriminate between sound and unsound proposals and reacting negatively even to the former.

The group also makes several recommendations designed to improve the framework for negotiations. A key suggestion is that there should be more negotiations within small, representative groups, made up mainly of countries having a real stake in the negotiations, rather than in plenary assemblies where membership runs to well over a hundred participants.

The group's recommendations, prepared after a series of meetings in London, present the unanimous views of its nine members from as many countries. It was chaired by a senior Nigerian diplomat, Ambassador Akporode Clark, who has been his country's representative at the United Nations and chaired the Group of 77 in Geneva. Two other members currently lead their countries' U.N. missions: Jamaica's Sir Egerton Richardson and Singapore's Professor Tommy Koh, who is also president of the U.N. Conference on the Law of the Sea. Another member, Bernard Chidzero left the number two position in UNCTAD to become finance minister in Zimbabwe following independence, while William Clark of Britain

was until recently a vice president at the World Bank under Robert McNamara.

Professor Owen Harries, Australia's ambassador to UNESCO, who has been a key adviser to Prime Minister Fraser; Sri Lankan economist Lal Jayawardene who was ambassador to the EEC; Guyanese diplomat Lloyd Starwar now serving with the CARICOM Secretariat and Dr. Arjan Sen Gupta, an economist who is now additional secretary to the Indian prime minister, were the other members. They served in their individual capacities.

The group cautions the developed countries for the "complacency and indifference" which have been "a major part of the problem." But, it says, the South must take the initiative in changing attitudes and approaches, not because it has a greater moral duty or even more at stake, but because it is the South which is most convinced of the need for progress in negotiations.

It wants the South to avoid basing on the moral responsibility of the North to redress past wrongs and instead, to stress the positive benefits to all countries which rapid development in the South would yield. To reduce the imbalance in technical back-up between North and South, the experts support the suggestion that the South should set up its own secretariat to help its negotiators.

The South is asked to show readiness to take resolute action at home; if it asks Northern leaders to show political courage and foresight, it must itself display similar qualities on domestic reform.

The experts accept the need for the practice of negotiating on a group basis, but believe that the South should make its own group behavior less rigid and find more effective and quicker ways to reach group decisions. The South is further advised to recognize that frontal assault has become counterproductive; its approach should, therefore, give consideration to the interests of the North as well as to its own claims.

The report points out that when the developing countries have made sound proposals and been prepared to give them their own financial backing, e.g. on the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the Common Fund, the North was encouraged to complement them.

To the developed countries, a principal message from the group is: accept the Third World as a fact, not a passing phenomenon, and treat it as a significant, organized and legitimate political entity.

The group also urges the North to see the political and strategic aspects of North-South relations and the scope for trade-offs between economic and other interests. Population, income and environmental trends, as well as increased global interdependence, call for combined action by North and South if disastrous tensions are to be avoided.

The experts acknowledge the elector pressure on Northern leaders to give priority to short-term interests, but point out that what is at stake calls for a willingness to look beyond short-term advantages and the courage to bear short-term political costs.

The report addresses the vexed question of decision-making power: to what extent should it be based on the one-country one-vote principle and majority decisions? It urges rich countries to move toward a synthesis between this principle and that which they now defend — according greater voting power to rich countries because they provide more money to international institutions like the IMF and World Bank. On the other side, the report tells the South that too frequent resort to voting and majority decisions — as against seeking consensus agreements — creates discord, with minorities refusing to be bound by such decisions.

The group says that the long-delayed, main North-South negotiations — the Global Round — should be launched soon. It wants a central role for the U.N. General Assembly in these negotiations, and says this can be consistent with respect for the authority of specialized agencies like the IMF.

The experts go on to suggest that, to help it make quicker progress, the General Assembly, to which all U.N. members have a seat, should set up a small, representative negotiating and overseeing body to which governments should send high-level delegates with political standing.

At the same time, the group sees value in greater use of conferences devoted to single issues. These can be more successful than conferences with wider mixed agendas, says the report, citing recent conferences on the Common Fund and on debt relief.

In a complementary recommendation, the experts want agendas trimmed so that only issues which are ripe for resolution are taken up. Also favored are the practice of pre-negotiation between groups, the use of full-time professional chairmen, setting strict time-limits for completing negotiations and the use of panels of experts on technically complex issues.

The group sees a role for further Cancún-type minisummits "at auspicious moments" to bring issues to the collective awareness of national leaders and to evoke political will for their resolution. The group's recommendations are backed by an examination of developments in the North-South dialogue and an analysis of attitudinal and procedural impediments which provide a guide to the reasoning behind its conclusions.

After surveying progress on various North-South issues, the group says that although the results of the massive efforts over the last two decades have not been entirely negative, the positive results have been few. While sound national policies and self-help are imperative for the South, the wider interests of both North and South would be served if the North were to show a greater degree of accommodation.

The report has been giving wide circulation among ministers, diplomats and international institutions. Launching it at a news conference in London, Commonwealth Secretary-General Shridath Ramphal stressed its value as the first candid examination of difficulties in the North-South negotiating process undertaken on a North-South basis.

It was the work of a group whose members command international respect for their individual competence and experience, said Ramphal. It was further evidence of the Commonwealth resolve — and capacity — to show a way forward to the global community.

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"Is there an art to truth telling, as there is to everything else? What is the effect of truth on the patient? To what extent can total candor undermine the physician's effectiveness in dealing with the ravages of disease? How does unvarnished disclosure affect the quality of life — and therefore quality of dying?"

"...Next, the way the truth is told can be as important as the truth itself. I am not saying anything original when I say there are two parts to every serious illness. One is illness itself. The other is the panic it produces. The illness and panic are in a state of ominous interaction, panic adds acute stress to existing disease. The patient's attitude — his will to live his confidence in the physician and himself and his

determination to fight the disease — is an important element in therapy. Such being the case, it may be reasonable to suggest that anything that impairs the possible usefulness of treatment — including truth telling — ought to be avoided or appropriately modified. A grim prognosis, like the voodoo doctor's box, can be self-fulfilling."

"The real issue is not whether the truth should be told but whether there's a way of telling it responsibly. Certainly it should not be allowed to become a battering ram against the patient's morale, impairing his ability to cope with the greatest challenge of his life."

"Now you can understand, Mr. L., why a responsible answer about 'truth-telling' in your brother's case depends solely upon his doctor and himself."

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For Mrs. K.: I can understand your surprise. Nevertheless, it's not uncommon to hear people say, after the unexpected death of a friend or relative, "But he looked so young. At least 10-15 years below his actual age. How could it have happened?"

The fact is that age can't be accurately measured by the calendar or the looking glass. If we could see inside people, we might be able to make a better estimate of health and longevity by the condition of the coronary (or other) arteries.

(Tomorrow: Tobacco threat)



Taipei's mosque

By Geoffrey Newman

TAIPEI — The grand mosque of Taipei looks like a traditional mosque should. It has a large dome in the center, two small domes on each side and two minarets. The front of the mosque is made up of a series of Moorish arches. This mosque, done in the traditional Islamic style, is testimony to the freedom of religion and religious expression in the Republic of China today.

The mosque was built in 1960 with funds donated by the co-operation and with the help of a loan from the Bank of Taiwan. The congregation had already repaid half of the loan when the government decided to exempt them from having to repay the rest. Today the mosque serves the local Chinese Muslim congregation and, also, Muslim members of the international community living in Taiwan.

The women sit upstairs in a separate balcony. The men gather in the prayer hall downstairs. The prayer ball is very simple. There is only a large chandelier hanging from the ceiling, a thick Oriental carpet on the floor, and the name of Allah written in gold for all to see.

Islam came to China in the seventh century, brought by Arabs from the Middle East. Islam was brought to Taiwan by Cheng Cheng-kung (Koxinga) after the fall of Ming Dynasty. According to Imam Ting, 20,000 Muslims came to Taiwan in 1949 with the military. The number of Muslims has increased. Imam Ting says, a very conservative estimate of the Chinese Muslim population in Taiwan today is 50,000.

In addition, there are both Chinese and non-Chinese Muslims from many different Middle Eastern and Asian countries who live and work in Taiwan, either temporarily or permanently. Many of the children were attending the mosque's summer Arabic school.

One man said that he was the only Muslim in his native village. He was a Taiwanese who had converted on his own.

(Courtesy: Free China Review)

Hemingway's Toronto link

By Stanley Meister

YOUTH. On Feb. 14, 1920, the *Toronto Star Weekly* published its first Hemingway piece, a 550-word, unsigned article about an art gallery that rated paintings as a leading library would.

After leaving Toronto in May 1920, Hemingway married Hadley Richardson, took her to Paris and supported her and himself over the next few years by selling articles to the *Star* and the *Star Weekly* on fishing in Spain, American bohemians in Paris and the tragedy of the bullfight, along with weightier pieces on German inflation and Italy under Mussolini.

In 1923, when Hadley became pregnant, the Hemingways decided to return to North America. Since the *Star* was willing to hire the 24-year-old Hemingway as a staff writer, they settled in Toronto, intent on staying for two years.

After stopping at the Selby Hotel on Sherbourne Street for a short while, the Hemingways moved into a new apartment building known as the Cedarvale Mansions as Hemingway's first abode. John Hadley Nicanor Hemingway, known as Bumby, was born in Toronto on Oct. 10.

Even before he reached Toronto, Hemingway had impressed most of his *Star* colleagues with his work in Europe. Calaghan, starting out on the paper, was told by a deskman, "A good newspaperman is coming from Europe to join the staff." Gregory Clark wrote Hemingway, "the paper needs you bad."

A Paris publisher had already put out Hemingway's book, *Three Stories and 10 Poems*, and Hemingway evidently expected to be treated with some respect by his editors. But city editor Harry C. Hindmarsh, the son-in-law of the publisher, had a theory about the need to put prima donnas in their place. Hemingway was given a series of routine assignments. Working under Hindmarsh, Hemingway said, was "like serving in the Prussian army under a bad general."

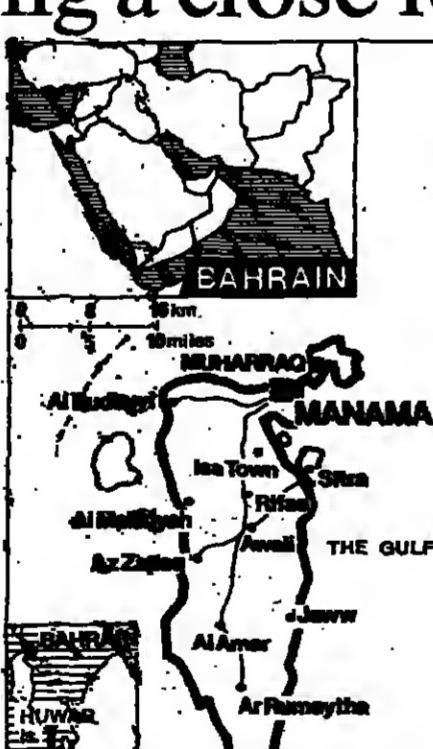
When Hindmarsh finally gave Hemingway a good assignment — covering the visit of Prime Minister Lloyd George to the United States and Canada — Hemingway flubbed it by failing to report that the deputy mayor of New York had lambasted Britain in a speech welcoming the prime minister to the city.

Relations grew so tense between Hemingway and Hindmarsh that the reporter finally resigned from the *Star*. His last article, which appeared Jan. 11, 1924, was an ill-tempered, 825-word complaint about two girls giggling at his soft-felt hat, an unusual adornment in those days. "Must wear hats like other folks if you live in Toronto," read the headline.

In all, according to the *Star* library, Hemingway wrote at least 154 articles with a total of 152,925 words for the *Toronto Daily Star* and the *Toronto Star Weekly* from 1920 to 1924.

Bahrain taking a close look at its past

By Barry Simpson



discovered in sites throughout the Middle East in the late 19th century.

Many of these references spoke of an island of immortals, a land blessed by magical sweet waters, also linking it with the survivors of a great deluge.

The discovery in the last 30 years of Stone and Bronze Age relics and of settlements dating back to the third millennium B.C. have disproved the necropolis theory and given weight to claims that Bahrain was the site of Dilmun.

As well as the ancient burial mounds which stretch for miles across the island's inland deserts, finds of major archaeological importance were made along the north coast by a Danish expedition which started work in the mid-1950s.

Among these discoveries — the strongest evidence yet linking Bahrain with Dilmun — were ancient cities and buildings and, beneath and around a 16th century Portuguese fort, the remains of settlements dating back to the third millennium BC.

The December conference, "Bahrain through the ages," provides further evidence of the ruling family's commitment to preserving the country's heritage. Financial support for the Danish expedition was provided by the then ruler, Sheikh Sultan bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, the father of the present emir, Sheikh Isa bin Salman Al-Khalifa.

And in addition to the justice minister, another member of the royal family actively involved in the field is Sheikh Haya Ali Al-Khalifa, the state's director of antiquities, who heads the academic committee preparing the ground for the conference.

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Life was hard. The average age at death, as shown by the perfectly preserved skeletons, was only 18 or 19 years. The oldest inhabitants found so far died at the age of 40; the youngest skeleton is that of a premature baby.

All those who survived beyond the age of five show the thickened skulls that are a sign of thalassaeemia, a hereditary anaemia which gives some natural protection against malaria.

Besides boats, the people of Ras al-Hamra built stone houses, and in the houses were ovens. They baked bread, probably from a mixture of fish meal and flour. They also, like

more were caught in boats offshore with boats made of shell and steatite. Smaller fish were netted; the weights of notched stone are there to prove it.

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U.K. said stockpiling key metals, minerals

LONDON, Feb. 14 (R) — The British government has secretly started buying key metals and minerals to create a strategic stockpile, the *Financial Times* newspaper said Monday.

The business daily, quoting trading sources in London, said several South African companies had been approached with orders for iron, manganese and other materials vital to industry for use in the manufacture of arms.

It said the initial orders were thought to be worth between five and 10 million sterling (\$7.7 and \$15.4 million).

In a front-page story, the newspaper said: "The secrecy surrounding the buying program — thought to be nearly complete — was to prevent prices being pushed up by the knowledge that the British government was in the market." The idea of creating a stockpile of vital raw materials has been debated in Britain for some time.

The *Financial Times* said it was believed

that, last year's Falklands war with Argentina persuaded the government to go ahead with the idea instead of waiting for the European Economic Community to develop a common policy.

A spokesman for the department of industry told Reuters that he could not confirm or deny the *Financial Times* report. But he added: "The government has been considering a strategic stockpile for some considerable time." He said industrialists had been pressing the governments to act, but the difficulty had been how to finance such a scheme.

Prices of most metals and minerals have been low for some years because of depressed demand, but they have started rising slightly on hopes of an economic recovery.

The *Financial Times* said the government was using a French-owned Company, Bravado Insel, to coordinate the buying program.

Cairo, Prague set trade limit at \$50 million

CAIRO, Feb. 14 (R) — Egypt and Czechoslovakia agreed Sunday on a \$50 million ceiling in trade at the end of five days of talks between Czechoslovak Minister of Foreign Trade Bohumil Erban and Egyptian officials.

The official Middle East News Agency (MENA) said the agreement was reached after talks Sunday between Erban and Prime Minister Fuad Mohieddin.

The agency quoted Wagih Shindi, minister of investment and international cooperation, as saying that Egypt would buy timber and farm equipment and use Czechoslovak expertise in implementing a number of industrial projects. Egypt would export cotton textiles and leather products.

Relations between Egypt and East Europe have steadily improved in the past two years. Erban is the second East European official to visit Egypt in a week.

With glut persisting Spot oil market poised for explosive growth

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 14 (R) — The free spot oil market could witness an explosive growth as a result of major changes taking place in the oil world, according to traders and analysts.

Big refiners have traditionally only resorted to buying on the spot market, when they needed to correct temporary supply imbalances. But they are now rethinking their policy in view of a world oil glut.

The glut has forced spot prices to between \$4 and \$5 below the official rates charged by the major producers, making free market cargoes increasingly attractive compared with crude sold on contract by OPEC and other exporters.

Traders say that if producers fail to cut official prices soon, more major refiners will turn away from contracts to buy their oil on a spot basis, further expanding the free market.

The spot market does not exist in any formal sense. The term refers to the trade conducted by telephone and telex among

traders who are located principally in London, Rotterdam, Milan and Monte Carlo.

Spot market business at present accounts for three million barrels a day, or just seven percent of non-Communist demand. But it acts as a vital barometer of the world oil market.

Now the Japanese have started to use the spot market more actively and doubled their purchases last month because of lower prices.

"The glut has turned the tables. Buyers used to be anxious to purchase supplies on the long-term, now sellers are anxious to sell as much as they can, and in anyway they can, in a shrunken market," one industry analyst said.

Spot market cargoes come from a variety of sources, with North Sea, Libyan, Saudi Arabian and Soviet oil regularly quoted. Some is placed by individual producing companies, particularly those active in the North Sea, while other cargoes find their way on to the market directly from produc-

ting countries.

Operators are divided about the benefits of an expanded spot market and some are worried the trend will admit more participants who will upset the essentially confidential nature of the business.

An expanded spot market would demand more facilities for trading and already the futures exchanges of New York, Chicago and London plan futures contracts in crude oil.

This in turn could add to the speculative nature of the oil market with newcomers gambling on short-term trends in pricing.

Heavyweight commodity trading houses are rubbing their hands at the thought of entering the multibillion-dollar oil marketplace. Those who fear the loss of privacy are mainly the long-established oil traders.

Commodity business is usually policed by an exchange, but the spot oil market at the moment has no formal pricing mechanism and no official regulation.

Indonesia favors cutting oil output

JAKARTA, Feb. 14 (R) — Indonesia would prefer to lower its oil production in order to maintain the mandatory OPEC price of \$34 a barrel, rather than increase production and sell at lower prices. Mining and Energy Minister Suharto said Monday.

He also told a parliamentary commission of mining, industry and energy that Indonesia has no intention of leaving the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) as was being suggested in some quarters. He did not name them. "Now is the time for all OPEC members to consolidate the organization because it is important and also because it serves our national interests," he said.

Suharto said Indonesia's daily crude production between last November and mid-January was "just over 1.3 million barrels a day" because of the seasonal winter increase in demand from industrialized countries. Indonesia's production quota set by OPEC is for 1.3 million barrels per day.

Aeroflot fleet to get TU-154 M

MOSCOW, Feb. 14 (R) — The Soviet airline Aeroflot is taking delivery of a new version of its long-range passenger jet, the Tupolev TU-154. Tass news agency has said.

The new model, called the TU-154 M, is up to 20 percent more economical than its predecessor, which went into service in 1971, and can fly more than 5,000 km without refuelling, Tass said.

The tri-jet is due to go into service on internal routes in the near future. Aeroflot will also take delivery of a new cargo version of the same plane called the TU-154 S. The TU-154 is the Soviet equivalent of the American Boeing 727.

Tass reported that the TU-144 supersonic airliner, known as the "Concordski" in the West, was grounded because it was considered uneconomical.

A prototype of the TU-144, which looks almost identical to the Anglo-French Concorde, crashed at the Paris Air Show in 1973. The plane went into service in 1977 but was withdrawn without explanation within a year. Western air experts have said they believe there are serious problems with the design of the TU-144.

3rd World experts debate food crisis

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14 (AFP) — Indian Agriculture Minister Rao Birendra Singh Monday called for a concerted effort to arrest the "disquieting" recent deterioration in the food situation in most developing countries.

Opening a three-day conference here of agricultural experts from 27 developing countries, Singh said many countries which were self-sufficient or even exporters of food just a few years ago had now become regular net importers. Rising imports were severely straining their foreign exchange resources, he said.

Singh said that no single development program could uniformly apply to all regions and countries because of the widely differing conditions. However, bearing this in mind, the conference should evolve a long-term strategy for food and agricultural development of these countries, he said.

Agriculture Secretary S.P. Mukherjee told the delegates that developing countries accounted for 70 percent of the world's population but produced only 45 percent of the world grain output.

Grain imports by developing countries rose from 42 million tons in 1970-71 to 98 million tons in 1981-82. Food aid in the form of grains declined from 12.7 million tons to 9.4 million tons in the same period, he said.

Retired buses hold hope for homeless

MANILA, Feb. 14 (AFP) — Low-income families here may soon have a new form of cheap housing — retired buses.

The idea, overlooked by the recent Asian Development Bank seminar on low-income housing, was put forward by the state-owned Metro-Manila Transit Corporation Monday. The company is auctioning off 100 buses aged six years old or more that have become "uneconomical to operate or impractical to repair," a spokesman said.

The cost of an old bus is about 5,000 pesos (about \$526), and they are "suitable as houses or sidewalk restaurants," he said.

Although most of the buses have no engines, they have very serviceable steel and aluminum bodies with "some rust here and there that can easily be brushed off and painted over," the spokesman said.

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Triggers debt crisis

Trade slump hits 3rd World

BANGKOK, Feb. 14 (Depthnews) — The less developed countries (LDCs) outside the OPEC group are, on the face of it, living hopelessly beyond their means. Their imports last year are estimated to have exceeded their exports by \$75 billion. This translates into importing \$1 on credit for every \$3 of paid-for goods.

The trade gap is now seven times larger than it was in 1973, the year the world economy entered a new era of high oil prices. Does this not show that the non-oil LDCs have forgotten the age-old exhortation to cut one's coat according to the cloth? Is not the failure to do so the reason for the crisis threatening the world financial system as large borrowers like Brazil, Mexico and, nearer home, the Philippines, edge closer to the brink of bankruptcy?

The magnitude of the crisis is evident from the rise in what non-oil LDCs are paying in

interest and repayment by installments as they fall due. The outgo was \$15.3 billion in 1973 and an estimated \$107 billion in 1982. In other words, one out of every \$5 of income earned from exports in 1982 was pre-empted for payments to creditors against one out of every seven in 1973.

Do these figures show that non-oil LDCs have been irresponsible and imprudent? The answer is a qualified no. Some were perhaps encouraged to borrow more than they should have by the readiness of banks to lend out of their burgeoning petrodollar deposits. But on the whole, the borrowing was moderate, and it was backed up by strong export efforts to improve the capacity to repay. This is brought out in a survey of 30 years of world trade just issued by the International Monetary Fund.

This effort to pay their own way is evident from the growth in volume of their exports from 4.1 percent a year in 1960-65 to 5.9, 6.6

expatriate personnel and total or partial exemption from customs duties, government and municipal taxes levied on imports, provided these are specified in the joint venture agreement.

A hint that such a law was in the making was given by head of state Mengistu Haile Mariam here last month in a major speech during the second congress of the country's nascent political party, COPWE (Commission for Organizing the Party of the Working people of Ethiopia).

The hint came at the end of a broad-based review of the enormous economic hardships faced by the nation, which the Ethiopian leader said were marked by food shortage, low industrial production, unemployment, falling export earnings, inflation and insufficient investment capital.

This preoccupation was underscored in the latest decree which stresses that those joint venture that introduced technology and know-how, had "positive foreign exchange impact," created employment opportunities and made "positive" contributions to economic and social development would be preferred.

and 9.4 percent in each subsequent five period. They not only did that but also slowed down their imports. These were rising in volume terms in 1970-75 at 8.3 percent a year, but declined in the two subsequent five year periods to 5.9 and 5.6 percent. If volume was the decisive factor, the non-oil LDCs would have become increasingly solvent. But, alas, volume increases are of no help when the price factor is working in the opposite direction.

This brings up the issue of unit values of exports and imports. There have been large increases in both, reflecting the endemic inflation of recent years. Between 1980 and 1970, the unit value of export was rising faster than for imports. This meant that the purchasing power of non-oil LDC's exports went up by 0.6 percent a year. But from 1970 onwards, the situation has been reversed leading to a decline in purchasing power by 1.9 percent a year. The fall has been particularly sharp since mid-1977, as the accompanying graph shows.

Summing up the situation, the IMF survey notes: modest increase in the volume of imports become associated with much larger increases in the value of imports, which in many countries were not matched by similar increases in export earnings. As a result, more and more countries recorded larger deficits.

Another adverse factor working against the non-oil LDCs was the slowdown in the offtake of agricultural commodities and minerals by the industrial countries. This was partly the result of technological factors — increased processing efficiency reducing the input of material required per unit of output and the substitution of natural materials by synthetic.

Both aspects of technological change have played havoc with a whole range of commodities as highlighted by the example of tin. It was the only metal whose offtake actually declined during the last decade by 0.8 percent a year compared with an average increase of a modest 2.4 percent for all major metals taken together.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:15 p.m. Monday		
	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.20	9.14
Bangladeshi Taka	14.20	14.20
Belgian Franc (1,000)	72.68	72.68
Canadian Dollar	2.82	2.82
Deutsche Mark (100)	142.80	142.37
Dutch Guilder (100)	29.50	28.95
Egyptian Pound	3.17	3.11
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.75	93.75
French Franc (100)	50.70	50.32
Greek Drachma (1,000)	37.50	41.40
Indian Rupee (100)	34.72	34.72
Iraqi Dinar	5.80	5.80
Iranian Rial (10,000)	25.00	24.80
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	14.70
Jordanian Dinar	9.70	9.69
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.86	11.82
Lebanese Lira (100)	87.00	86.55
Moroccan Dirham (100)	52.50	54.36
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.56
Philippine Peso (100)	36.80	36.80
Pound Sterling	5.34	5.34
Qatari Ryal (100)	94.56	94.20
Singapore Dollar (100)	166.70	166.70
Somali Peesa (1,000)	26.70	26.70
Swiss Franc (100)	170.50	170.00
Syrian Lira (100)	61.75	61.75
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.45	3.44
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Swiss trade gap widens to \$ 317 million

BERN, Feb. 14 (R) — Switzerland's trade deficit widened to \$317 million francs (\$317 million), in January from \$225.9 (\$113 million) in December and \$234.5 million in January (\$117 million) last year, the federal customs office said.

Imports were 4.47 billion francs (\$2.2 billion) in January against 5.15 billion (\$2.6 billion) in December and 4.0 billion (\$2 billion) in January last year, while exports totaled 3.84 billion francs (\$1.9 billion) after 4.92 billion (\$2.6 billion) in the previous month and 3.77 billion (\$1.8 billion) in January 1982, the office said.

In real terms this represents a 10.6 percent year-on-year increase in imports and a 2.2 percent rise in exports, it added.

In another development, the department for industry, trade and labor said the number of wholly unemployed in Switzerland continued to rise in January, reaching 27,864 at end month against 23,579 in December and 11,725 in January last year.

Unemployment at end January was equivalent to around 0.9 percent of total working population compared with 0.8 percent in December and 0.4 percent in January 1982.

The number of job vacancies was 5,209 against 4,343 in December and 8,392 in January last year.

On the exchanges, the British pound was

Financial Roundup

Dollar rates chalk up gains

By J.H. Hammond

still reacting to any news concerning the oil price issue and sterling fell back to 1.5350 levels from 1.5450 on Friday. Little Bank of England support was detected to help out sterling and interest rates remained stable at 11-11 1/4 percent Level.

The French franc was weaker at 6.8560 from 6.8200 weekend closing levels and the Swiss franc fell to 2.0170 levels from 2.000 levels on Friday. The Japanese yen was also down to 236.00 from 235.10 levels but the yen was the steadiest against the dollar of all the currencies.

The local markets were relatively active Monday with the Bahraini based offshore based banks entering into covering transactions after their traditional absences over Saturday and Sunday. Riyal deposit rates remained stable around 7 1/4-7 3/4 percent for the short-dated funds and 7 1/2-8 1/4 percent for the medium terms.

The one-year rate was stable at 8 1/2-9 percent level. On the exchanges, spot/dollar rate was mixed at 3.4398-03 but later rose to 3.4402-08 levels as the dollar strengthened in Europe.

LONDON, (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	502.50
Paris	503.38
Frankfurt	501.25
Zurich	500.50
Hong Kong	closed

Shares jump in U.K. as inflation falls

LONDON, Feb. 14 (AFP) — Euphoria continued to grip the stock exchange here this week as the inflation rate fell to its lowest level since 1969, once again raising speculation that Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher might choose to go to the polls in June this year.

Although industrial managers continue to be gloomy, but less so than a few months ago, car sales rose 4.4 percent to a record level in January, and shares also hit a new peak.

But the best news for the government was that the annual inflation rate was down to 4.9 percent in January, compared with 5.4 percent in December and 12 percent in January a year ago.

This was even lower than had been

BRIEFS

NEW YORK (R) — Foreign manufacturing investment in the United States fell last year mainly due to a big cutback by overseas companies in new-plant construction, a business research organization has said. The Conference Board, a business-sponsored research organization, said in a report that the number of foreign manufacturing investments fell to 271 last year from 348 in 1981 and 388 in 1980.

WIENESBADEN (R) — The West German cost of living index rose 0.2 percent in January over December to stand 3.9 percent above January 1982, the Federal Statistics Office said. This confirms provisional figures released on Jan. 31.

MOSCOW (AP) — Some 30 collective farms in the Lvov area of west Ukraine are to have factories after a successful pilot scheme, the paper *Literaturnaya Gazeta* reports. This is expected to help slow down the "exodus" from country to town and the towns no longer need to house and transport new workers. At the same time the farms will have seasonal manpower to hand. At the pilot site near Lvov, farm output has increased. The paper says young people have been moving to the town for fixed hours and pay.

BRUSSELS (R) — Belgium's net external reserves rose to a provisional 278.3 billion Belgian francs in January from 256.2 billion in December, according to national bank figures. In January 1982, the Belgian reserves totaled 260.6 billion francs.

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In Richmond final

Vilas proves too good for Denton

RICHMOND, Virginia, Feb. 14 (AP) — Second-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, serving with precision the entire match, defeated No. 6 Steve Denton 6-3, 7-5, 6-4, to win the singles championship Sunday of the \$300,000 United Virginia Bank Tennis Classic.

The 30-year-old Argentine star, whose service was not broken the entire match, picked up the \$100,000 top prize with the victory, which took an hour and 55 minutes. Vilas, who became the favorite when injured top-seeded John McEnroe was upset in the second round Thursday night, handled the hard-serving Denton with ease, breaking him four times.

The first set stayed on serve until Vilas got the first break in the seventh game, then broke again in the ninth to win the set. When Vilas held his serve to open the second set, he had won five games in-a-row, but Denton steadied and there were no service breaks until the 12th and decisive game, when Vilas broke through to take the set.

Each player again held serve through the first nine games of the third set, but Vilas got the decisive break in the 10th. Denton was able to win only one point on his serve, and Vilas ended the match with a forehand passing shot.

Connors emerges tops

Meanwhile, in Toronto, Jimmy Connors Holmes' injury poses problem to Wales rugby side

CARDIFF, Feb. 14 (AFP) — Wales, who have already announced four changes for next Saturday's Five Nations Rugby Union international in Scotland, ran into a new problem Sunday.

For scrum-half Terry Holmes fell from a ladder at work and cut a leg, and the wound was so badly infected that Holmes was forced to miss the Welsh training session. Already axed from the Welsh side for the clash at Murrayfield are props Graham Price, who had played a record 30 consecutive internationals for his country, and Clive Williams, second row forward Richard Moriarty and Winger Mark Ring, who made his debut in the 13-13 draw with England.

In at prop come Ian Eidman and Taff Jones with John Perkins taking over from Moriarty. All three will be making their international debuts. Robert Ackerman, ruled out of the England game through injury, returns in place of ring in the backs. Elgin Rees will switch to the right wing to enable Ackerman to hold down his usual center position.

Scottish center Jim Renwick, who celebrated his 31st birthday Saturday, will have further cause for celebration against Wales next Saturday when he wins his 50th cap. Only two other Scots have accomplished such a feat — Sandy Carmichael (50 caps) and Andy Irvine, currently ruled out through injury, who holds the record with 51 caps.

The Scottish Rugby Union selectors have given a vote of confidence to the side which unluckily lost to France eight days ago. That means there is no place for stand off John Rutherford, who has only just come back from a serious shoulder injury. His replacement Bryan Gossman had a tidy game in Paris, dropping two goals to keep Rutherford out.

Meanwhile, the Irish Rugby team should be able to field their selected team when they take on France in the key Five Nations clash at Lansdowne Road. The four doubtful forwards — second row men Donal Lenihan and Moss Keane, three quarter wing Fergus Slattery and captain and hooker Fergus Slattery — all took part in squad training here.

Lenihan, who broke a bone in his right hand a month ago, passed a physical fitness test. The only selected player missing was winger John O'Driscoll, who bruised a hand Saturday playing for London Irish, but he is expected to be fully recovered in a day or two.

Salnikov splashes to new world mark

BONN, Feb. 14 (AFP) — Soviet swimmer Vladimir Salnikov took dramatic revenge Sunday on young American rival Jeff Kostoff for his defeat in the 400 m Saturday, by smashing Kostoff's world best performance in the 500 m freestyle event.

At the Arena International (short course) Meet here the triple world record holder completed the distance in seven minutes 38.90 seconds, more than five seconds faster than Kostoff's world time of 7:44.53 set on Jan. 7 in Indianapolis.

In the 800 m, Salnikov surged into the lead on the first of the 32 lengths in order to avoid being surprised by the 17-year-old American as he had been in the shorter race. Salnikov completed the first 100 m in 56.58 seconds and the last in 56.80, once more achieving the amazing regularity that has earned him the title of the "swimming machine". Kostoff rose to the occasion although he could not quite keep up with his Soviet opponent, he improved his personal best time to 7:43.06.

There was excitement in the men's 50 dash, where Joerg Withe of East Germany, holder of the world best time, was beaten into third place by Robin Leamy of the U.S. and Asia's fastest swimmer, Ang Peng-Siong of Singapore.

Leamy's sizzling time of 22.21 was only 12 hundredths off Withe's world performance of 22.09. Ang was just behind, registering 22.32 to Withe's own effort of 22.48, still more than three quarters of a second ahead of fourth placed David Lowe of Britain. Withe was victorious in the men's 100 m freestyle, which he swam in 49.00.

The Soviet Union's Sergei Fessenko completed the men's 200 m butterfly in 1:57.48. While another Soviet star, Vladimir Shemetov, won the men's 200 m backstroke in 1:58.76. East Germany's Petra Schneider registered 4:39.93 to the women's 400 m individual medley. A novelty was the introduction of men's and women's 50 m relay medley races. The times were good but do not count as records since the event is not recognized by the international federation.

Connors came to four sets by Spaniard Jose Higueras before clinching the \$250,000 Molson Challenge title at the Maple Leaf Gardens.

Connors carved out a 6-2, 6-0, 5-7, 6-0 victory over Higueras, who was a last-minute substitute for Bjorn Borg. Borg had pulled out of the tournament with sore hands. Higueras hauled himself into the match after being swept off his feet in the first two sets. Connors packed too many guns for the gritty Spanish player and took the fourth set without dropping a game.

Connors should do well in this week's U.S. National (indoor) Championships at the Racquet Club of Memphis. Seeded No. 1 for the week's play, Connors has enjoyed the position twice before — in 1978 and 1979 — and walked away with the title both times. In 1980, the southpaw was the second seed and lost to John McEnroe.

Connors came by this year's top seeding in the \$315,000 tournament, thanks to an injury which forced McEnroe's withdrawal. Tournament director Tommy Buford says Connors is easily the man to beat in the tournament which opens Monday and will run through Sunday.

Connors was the No. 2 seed in the tourney

Hobbs triumphs

In Indianapolis, Anne Hobbs, ranked No. 4 in Britain, won the women's tournament after a marathon final. The 23-year-old British girl beat Ginny Purdy by two sets to one.

Curry outpoints Hwang for WBC crown

FORT WORTH, Texas, Feb. 14 (AP) — Donald Curry of the U.S. got off the canvas after suffering the first knock-down of his career here Sunday to outpoint South Korea's Jun Sok Hwang and take the World Boxing Council (WBC) welterweight title, left vacant by Sugar Ray Leonard who retired last November.

The American's knock-down came in the seventh round when Jun Sok Hwang, who like Curry came into the fight with an unblemished record, landed with a series of sharp, punishing blows. Curry survived the count, carried on grimly, and when the South Korean began to tire in the later rounds stormed back into contention. He clinched the title with a tremendous finish.

In the 13th round Jun Sok Hwang appeared to be on the brink of being knocked out and in the 14th and 15th rounds the South Korean fighter won the admiration of the 9,000 crowd with a brave display of raw courage. It was only the 16th fight as a professional for Curry, while Jun Sok Hwang lost for the first time in 22 outings.

Meanwhile, Leroy Haley of the U.S. just managed to hold on to his WBC light-welterweight title in Cleveland, Ohio, against Saul Mamby, the man he had beaten to take the title seven months ago.

And 28-year-old Haley clearly realized

just how close a contest it had been. For afterward he immediately said he would be prepared to offer Mamby, seven years his senior, another bid to recapture the title.

Haley said Mamby, who had accepted the offer at once, deserved the chance.

Although the three judges went unanimously in favor of Haley, two of them only gave him the verdict by one point while the third judge put the defending champion two points clear. It was Haley's second successful defense of the title after he had wrested it from Mamby last year. Once again the meeting between the two fighters was very evenly balanced with neither being able to gain clear supremacy, even for one round.

The fight proved to be a cat and mouse affair. Mamby tried to use his left jab to keep Haley out, while the champion collected points through counter punches. Haley looked in trouble just once, when a Mamby right-hander caught him on the lip in the sixth round, but it did not give him problems as the fight progressed. Haley has now won 47 of his fights, suffering two defeats and drawing two others while Mamby has won 33, lost 14 and drawn five.

In Panama, WBC junior-flyweight champion Hilario Zapata has been ordered to pay a fine or face 55 days in prison when he was found guilty by a court here this week of hitting his mother. According to the local newspaper *La Republica*, Zapata's mother, who was injured after a quarrel, produced medical certificates in court. The amount of the fine was not revealed.



CAUGHT OFF GUARD: Don Curry catches Korean Jun Sok Hwang (left) off guard and lands a hard left to the latter's face in the welterweight bout. Curry won a unanimous decision at Fort Worth Sunday.

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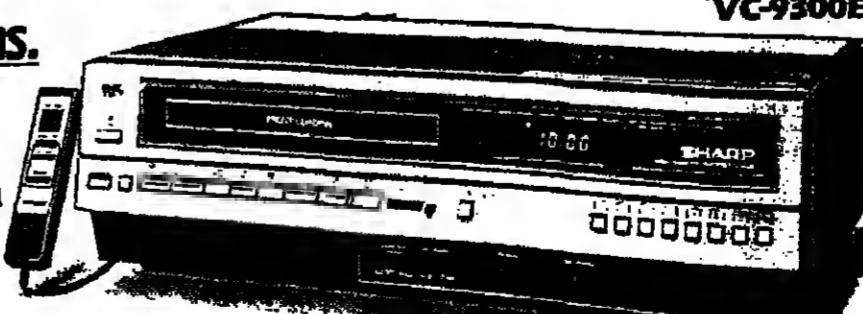
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In their 4th straight win over West

Erving emerges as East's star

INGLEWOOD, California, Feb. 14 (AP) — Julius Erving scored 11 of his game-high 25 points during a third-quarter spurt that lifted the East to a 132-123 victory, its fourth straight triumph over the West, in the 33rd National Basketball Association All-Star game Sunday.

Erving of the Philadelphia 76ers, dazzled the sellout crowd of 17,505 at the forum with his usual brilliant assortment of dunks and finger-roll layups that have become almost routine in his 12-year pro career. Erving was named the most valuable player in the game, an honor he also won in 1977 although the East was defeated in that game. Sunday's victory gave the East a 22-11 series lead.

The East led by as many as 16 points in the second quarter, but the West, which never led and managed only two ties, narrowed the deficit to five by halftime. Then Erving, along with Isiah Thomas of the Detroit Pistons who had 19 points, took over.

Erving scored all of his 11 points in the third period in the first seven minutes of the quarter, leading the 28-14 run that gave the East its largest lead, 97-78, with 4:11 to go in the period. Thomas had seven points in the same stretch. The West never got closer than six points after that.

For tie against Wales

Robson names 4 new players

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Agencies) — South African-born Brian Stein and three other uncapped players Monday were named in the England soccer squad to play Wales in a British Championship match at Wembley Stadium on Feb. 23.

Luton striker Stein was named in England manager Bobby Robson's 21-player party along with West Bromwich Albion defenders Martyn Bennett and Derek Statham and Aston Villa midfielder Gordon Cowans. Tottenham midfield player Glenn Hoddle, who has been out of action for three weeks with an ankle injury, also is included, but fixture clashes and fitness problems have ruled out Ray Wilkins, Bryan Robson and Steve Coppell of Manchester United, Arsenal duo Kenny Sansom and Graham Rix and Phil Thompson of Liverpool.

Stein, scorer of 16 goals this season, is included for the first time. Earlier this season, he turned down a chance to play for Wales. He is one of six black players in the squad — an indication of the impact sons of Commonwealth immigrants are having on British soccer.

The others are Ricky Hill of Luton, Mark Chamberlain of Stoke, Danny Thomas of Coventry and Watford duo Luther Blissett and John Barnes. Of the four squad newcomers, the selection of Bennett was the most surprising.

England manager Robson, like his Welsh counterpart Mike England, could be forced to make changes to his squad if players are needed for F.A. Cup replays. The Wales manager Monday named a squad of 16. Peter Nicholas, who needed by Arsenal, is the only absentee from the team which drew 4-4 with Yugoslavia in a European Championship match in December. Swansea provide the bulk of the squad with five players — Dai Davies, Robbie James, John Mahoney, Jeremy Charles and Alan Curtis — included. Liverpool striker Ian Rush and Watford

midfielder Kenny Jackett are the only two doubtful starters for Wales. Both are included in manager England's squad but will be pulled out should their clubs draw Saturday's fifth round F.A. Cup ties.

Neither Liverpool nor Watford's opponents Aston Villa, can afford to put back any possible replay to avoid a clash with the international, as both are involved in the European Cup quarterfinals.

England: P. Shilton, R. Clemence, P. Neal, D. Thomas, D. Statham, M. Bennett, A. Martin, T. Caton, T. Butcher, S. Lee, G. Hoddle, R. Hill, G. Mabbett, G. Cowans, A. Devonshire, M. Chamberlain, L. Blissett, P. Goddard, P. Mariner, B. Stein, J. Barnes.

Wales: N. Southall, D. Davies, J. Jones, P. Price, K. Jackett, K. Ratcliffe, B. Flynn, R. James, M. Thomas, J. Mahoney, G. Davies, I. Rush, J. Charles, L. James, A. Curtis, N. Vaughan.

Soccer tid-bits

LONDON (AP) — The South American Youth Soccer Tournament final was abandoned Sundays after fighting broke out between opponents Argentina and Brazil. Violence erupted in the 80th minute when Brazil went 3-2 ahead from a penalty. Argentina had led 2-1 at halftime. Brazil were declared winners later.

LEEDS (AP) — Any soccer fan with 2 million pounds (\$3.1 million) to spare soon will be able to purchase a controlling interest in one of England's most famous clubs. Leeds United officials revealed that they are drawing up final details for the issue of a new share capital, increasing the present figure of 25,000 pounds to 2 million.

GLASGOW (AP) — Partick Thistle's Scottish Cup tie against Clyde will be played next Saturday — one day earlier than Partick had hoped. Permission to play the match on Sunday was granted by the Scottish F.A., but Clyde made it clear they wanted to play the match on Saturday.

LONDON (AP) — Middlesbrough strikers Ray Hanks and Dave Shearer have both been banned by the English Football Association for two matches. As a result, they will miss the F.A. Cup fifth-round tie against Arsenal next Saturday.

LONDON (AP) — Tottenham soccer player Garry Brooke was seriously ill in hospital Monday after being involved in an auto accident. The 22-year-old midfielder, who suffered internal injuries, was said to be in a stable condition.

Soccer results

	French Soccer Cup		
Strasbourg	2	Thonon	0
Brest	3	Poitiers	0
Lille	2	Hazebrouck	0
Angers	0	Guingamp	1
Lisbonne	1	La Roche-Sur-Yon	2
Maubeuge	2	Calais	0
Dijon	1	Bordeaux-Les-Dames	2
Gazelle	3	Club Franciscain	2
RC Paris	2	Caen	1
Portugal	0	Benfica	1
Sporting	4	Amora	1
Espanio	0	Porto	2
Vasco	0	Estoril	1
Portimonense	3	Alcochete	0
Braga	1	Rio Ave	0
Bonavista	0	Martimo	0

Aoki snatches maiden PGA title

HONOLULU, Feb. 14 (AP) — A dramatic finish saw Isao Aoki snatch a shock victory in the Hawaiian Open this weekend and become the first Japanese golfer ever to win a PGA tournament.

Aoki looked doomed to be runner-up behind American Jack Renner as he prepared for the final hole on the sun-drenched Waialae Country Club Course but the 40-year-old Japanese player produced an eagle which left him with a final-round five-under-par 67 and a winning 20-under-par 268 total.

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finished with a two-putt birdie for a 66 which left him on 269. But Aoki's dramatic finish turned it around.

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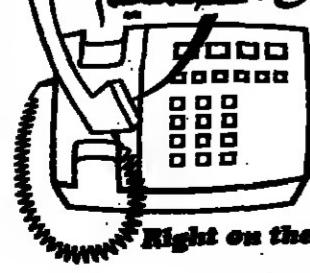
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NBA standings

Eastern Conference					Western Conference				
Atlantic Division					Midwest Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB	
Philadelphia	43	.760	—		San Antonio	31	.711	.596	—
Boston	38	.720	5		Dallas	25	.510	4 ½	
New Jersey	33	.647	10 ½		Kansas City	25	.500	5	
Washington	24	.590	18 ½		Denver	25	.481	6	
New York	22	.580	21		Utah	18	.346	13	
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Al-Aswad cagers triumph

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 14 — Al-Aswad, paced by their skipper Ahe Carlos, pipped Dallah Establishment to the post in an enthralling final of the Dallah Sports Club-sponsored Invitational Basketball Championship recently.

The balance of the tantalizing encounter was tipped in Al-Aswad's favor by Carlos (25). A former Manila amateur basketball draftee, Carlos was outstanding while leading Al-Aswad to a 75-73 verdict. He repeatedly created inroads in the Dallah Establishment's defense and dominated the board with some precision shooting. His superb performances in the seven-team tourney fetched him the most valuable player award.

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For the Al-Aswad team, apart from Carlos, M. Lingad (18), J. Parcals (13), B. Hinulturn (10) and R. Sevilla (9) stood out. R. Vidal (13) and R. Pedrocillo (10) were the others to shine for the losers.

Abdul Latif Omar Ghurab, Elawi El Hamdan, Rida Asslan and Maher Muhammad Knib, founders of the Dallah Sports Club were called upon to give away the prizes.

Carlos Bonilla, a noted Philippine basketball referee, conducted the tourney in which Petruomin, Alireza, Saudi Trading Establishment, ICIT and Megawatts along with the two finalists partook. The winning team was coached by Rudy Babiles, while the losers were coached by Boy del Castillo and managed by Elawi El Hamdan.

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For the Al-Aswad team, apart from Carlos, M. Lingad (18), J. Parcals (13), B. Hinulturn (10) and R. Sevilla (9) stood out. R. Vidal (13) and R. Pedrocillo (10) were the others to shine for the losers.

Abdul Latif Omar Ghurab, Elawi El Hamdan, Rida Asslan and Maher Muhammad Knib, founders of the Dallah Sports Club were called upon to give away the prizes.

Carlos Bonilla, a noted Philippine basketball referee, conducted the tourney in which Petruomin, Alireza, Saudi Trading Establishment, ICIT and Megawatts along with the two finalists partook. The winning team was coached by Rudy Babiles, while the losers were coached by Boy del Castillo and managed by Elawi El Hamdan.

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America rules out fresh missile offer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (R) — President Ronald Reagan was standing firm on his proposal to ban all U.S. and Soviet medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe and had no plan to make a fresh offer to the Soviet Union, the White House said Monday.

Deputy press secretary Larry Speakes told reporters that Reagan was always ready, as he had frequently stated, to consider any serious counterproposal from Moscow in Soviet-American negotiations in Geneva.

But "at present there is no plan for an additional U.S. proposal" to replace or change the so-called zero option which the United States has put forward, he said.

The zero option is a proposal to cancel the planned deployment of 572 U.S. Pershing-2 and Cruise missiles in Western Europe if the Soviet Union agrees to dismantle all its more

8 anti-Cruise women detained in Britain

GREENTHAM COMMON, England, Feb. 14 (AP) — Eight women breached the perimeter fence at the U.S. Air Force Base here Monday in protest of plans to deploy Cruise missiles and were detained for questioning, the Defense Ministry said.

Witnesses said the women danced and sang on top of a concrete mixer 50 yards inside the base for about 40 minutes before police arrived to take them away. But a ministry spokesman said, "they didn't get anywhere near the Cruise missile silos."

Search for jet halted

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb. 14 (AFP) — The search for a privately owned plane, believed to be carrying a cousin of Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene, which went missing over the Malacca Straits Sunday night has been called off in fading light late Monday.

Bernama new agency reported that the search by Malaysian and Indoonesian authorities would resume Tuesday morning and that no sign of the missing aircraft had been found. On board were one Malaysian and five Sri Lankans, including business tycoon and newspaper owner Upali Wijewardene, 43, who has business interests in Malaysia and Singapore.

than 600 comparable weapons.

Speakes reaffirmed Reagan's rejection of a counterproposal by Soviet leader Yuri Andropov to reduce the number of Soviet medium-range missiles in Europe west of the Ural Mountains to 162, the number in the independent French and British arsenals.

Andropov's proposal was inequitable because it would prevent the deployment of U.S. missiles on the continent while still leaving the Soviet Union with an arsenal of weapons facing Western Europe, Speakes said.

The White House spokesman discussed the U.S. position in the European missile talks following press reports suggesting that President Reagan might be willing to conclude an interim agreement to reduce European missiles as a first step toward removing all of them.

In a televised interview Sunday, Bush said: "I have reported in confidence to the president and he will be making a determination on whether we should do something different in order to encourage the Soviets to do what we've asked."

But Speakes said Monday: "We prefer to stay in that (zero option) mode. At present, there is no plan for an additional U.S. proposal."

Andropov's offer is "not one that provides equality between us and the Soviets. It was... too ring of fairness."

"Right is on our side," he said, and called for what he termed a "serious" offer from Moscow. "We have unanimous allied support for the zero-zero option despite the Soviet attempt to wage a propaganda battle in Europe. We do not think they have been successful," he said.

Other Reagan administration officials said Speakes' remarks clearly indicated that the president was waiting for Moscow to make the next move. They said Reagan remained intent on eliminating all medium-range nuclear weapons, not merely some as Andropov proposed.

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International



FIRE VICTIMS: The bodies of some 64 persons, who perished when a fire engulfed a downtown cinema in Turin, Italy, on Sunday night, lie on the street while rescue workers try to get their identification. (AP wirephoto)

U.S. storm spreading

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 (AP) — A new storm was spreading in the southern United States Monday as cold temperatures trailing a record blizzard kept roads snow-clogged and slippery for commuters in the northeast.

Although snowplows cleared major roads along the northeast coast Sunday after the blizzard that killed at least 70 persons, authorities braced for heavy rush hour traffic Monday.

A new storm was moving in the south from Georgia to southern Virginia, with forecasts of up to 3 inches of snow and gales off the South Carolina coast.

By early Monday, trees and power lines glistened with ice in North Carolina and the weather service advised "extreme caution" for any outdoor activities.

Million-pound reward deal denied

Rare lead given on Shergar

DUBLIN, Ireland, Feb. 14 (AP) — Police issued descriptions Monday of three men — codenamed "The Jockey, The Nose and The Guard" — suspected of taking part in the abduction of the Aga Khan's missing super-tallion Shergar.

The three were seen near the Aga Khan's Ballymany stud farm in county Kildare a day or two before the racehorse was snatched by an armed gang last Tuesday, a police spokesman said.

One had the build and look of a jockey, another had a very large nose and the third wore the uniform of a guard or policeman. At least one had a Northern Ireland accent, the spokesman said.

Eye-witnesses who came forward with the descriptions gave police a rare lead in their frustrating nationwide hunt for one of the world's most valuable animals.

Meanwhile, *The Irish Times* of Dublin reported that an unidentified London intermediary was negotiating with the horse thieves on behalf of Shergar's owners, a 3-member syndicate headed by the Aga Khan.

It said the rustlers might be offered one million Irish pounds (\$1.3 million) in exchange for the double Derby winner, retired as a 3-year-old in 1981 and put out to stud, where he earns fees of 70,000-80,000 Irish pounds (\$91,000-104,000) a time.

Hinckley 'tried' to commit suicide

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (Agencies) — Authorities are trying to discover how John Hinckley Jr. got a life-threatening drug overdose at the mental hospital where he was confined following his insanity acquittal in the shooting of U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

Hinckley, 27, was in stable but serious condition and hooked to a respirator late Sunday as authorities tried to determine the type and amount of medication they say left him semi-conscious on the floor of his room at St. Elizabeths Hospital.

Wayne Pines, a spokesman for St. Elizabeths, said it was a "reasonable assumption" that Hinckley had tried to commit suicide for the third time since he wounded Reagan and three others in March 1981.

The *Washington Post* quoted sources in Monday's editions as saying Hinckley may have taken an overdose of a prescribed antidepressant drug.

Hinckley was given cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and oxygen, and his color was blue and he was having difficulty breathing when he was brought to Greater Southeast Community Hospital, said Dr. James Levy, the hospital president.

"We will not be able to tell you for certainty for the next 24 to 48 hours whether he's out of the woods (out of danger)," Levy said.

Asked if Hinckley was in danger of dying, Levy said "yes." Asked how great was the danger, he replied: "it's a little hard to characterize that. I can't give you a prognosis...He is stable, and we believe he'll be all right...He has improved but is still seriously ill."

Hinckley was found not guilty by reason of insanity of shooting Reagan and three other men in Washington on March 30, 1981. At the trial Hinckley's lawyers said he had tried to assassinate Reagan to impress actress Jodie Foster, with whom he had an obsession. Before the shooting he had considered suicide as another way to attract the attention of the teenage film star.

While awaiting trial, Hinckley tried to hang himself with his jacket in his cell. In May 1981 he took an overdose of tylenol, an aspirin substitute prescribed for him by government doctors after he complained of persistent headaches.

Poles parade to denounce army regime

WARSAW, Feb. 14 (Agencies) — Behind a facade of normalization, Poles took far from pacified as evidenced by the demonstration Sunday when thousands took to the streets shouting slogans hostile to the military regime.

For three hours, a crowd estimated at up to 5,000 marched down a main thoroughfare in the Polish capital. Anti-mot police broke up the protest with tear gas. The crowd also shouted their continued support of the banned free trade union Solidarity with cries of "long live Walesa" and "long live Zbigniew Brzuska," former president of Solidarity. Warsaw former and one of the main leaders still underground.

The demonstration, the largest since last November, began with a prayer called by former martial law inmates at a Warsaw church.

Following the prayer, the crowd gave V-for-victory signs and began singing the national anthem whose words had been changed to: "Guide us, Walesa, Solidarity is marching toward victory. We must be shot to be silenced, Brzuska, you show us the road to victory."

The crowd then left the church and began a march. Police vehicles rolled by in a show of force, but marchers hooted, whistled and tossed snowballs.

Observers said the makeup of the crowd, ranging from youth to the elderly, was evidence of the depth of Poles' refusal of their regime. Similarly, they said, authorities were keenly aware of the significance of such events despite efforts by the official media to minimize them.

In another development, two Polish workers who hijacked a Polish airliner to Munich last August were Monday each sentenced to four-and-a-half years imprisonment by a West German district court.

Dr. Jarvik honored

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP) — Dr. Robert K. Jarvik, who helped develop the artificial heart that carries his name, has been honored as the "Inventor of the Year."

A Jarvik-7 artificial heart has functioned for almost two months since being implanted in the chest of dentist Barney Clark by surgeons at the University of Utah Hospital.

But Jarvik told a news conference last week that he isn't actually the inventor of the device and holds no patents on it. The heart, he said, is built on the work of many people.

Jarvik was selected for the honor and \$1,000 prize by the Intellectual Property Owners Association, an organization of holders of patents, trademarks and copyrights. Donald Baimer, head of the group, said certificates will also be presented to others who had a hand in developing the artificial heart, at the suggestion of Jarvik.

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